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American Association of Workers for the Blind
Director, Office for the Blind and Visually Handicapped
Rehabilitation Services Administration
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Washington, D.C.

There are so many things I want to say to you tonight, but I am well aware of the time limitations, and therefore, my remarks will be kept to a minimum. First, let me express my most sincere appreciation for the honor you have given me, letting me serve as your President on two different occasions. It has been a great privilege, and I hope I have discharged my obligations to your satisfaction.

The pleasure is double for me tonight because this meeting is occurring in my adopted home state. The years spent serving blind people of this state were among my happiest, and I cannot think of a more fitting place to have this meeting than among the gracious, hospitable citizens of Richmond. If tireless effort and generosity mean anything, this will be a memorable meeting for all who join us during the week.

Above everything else, a presidential message always contains a report of progress, and we have something to report since our meeting in Chicago. Our regionalization program has continued its momentum. We now have 28 Chapters covering 41 states, and the District of Columbia. Membership, too, has been growing by leaps and bounds. According to the latest figures given to me today, we now have almost 2,700 individual members and 140 organizational memberships. This represents phenomenal growth during the past four years, since the activities really got under way.

Much credit for what has taken place must go to Bob Whitstock and to Vince Iacurto.

But they would be the first to tell you that it could not have taken place without the help of many and the support of the entire organization. I should like to join with them at this time in thanking all of you for making the dream of the Regionalization Committee come true. I am sure they would also join with me in telling you that we have just begun and have a long way to go.

Strong desire and good intentions have paved many roads "to you know where" for lack of good consistent leadership, and I should like to take this opportunity to extend my personal thanks as well as yours for the magnificent job John Naler has done for us, working sometimes under serious handicaps. Without good leadership from the National Office, we would have no progress report and, indeed, very little prospect of a future. I hope each of you will have a chance to thank John personally.

One of the things that has concerned all of us as the organization grew is what can the National Office do that will be most helpful to the Chapters. Up to this point we have been struggling to keep our heads above water. Now, however, we are coming of age and can consider some possibilities, even though they may cost a little money. We are by no means affluent and, therefore, what is done must be done with careful planning. Please don't misunderstand—I do not mean to imply that the National Office and the Officers have not been contributing to the welfare of

the Chapters. All of the Executive Committee as well as many Board members have helped through personal appearances to form the local organizations and have given freely of their time to assist in assuring the success of State and local regional meetings and workshops, backstopping John and myself whenever it was impossible for us to make an appearance. In addition the national staff and the Editorial Board has steadily increased the quality and quantity of publications so that we are, not only serving the membership in this capacity, but have moved to a position where our products are used extensively by universities training professional personnel for our field.

These are all plus factors and perhaps as much as most other national organizations are giving their membership. But I believe that if we are to continue our growth, expand the number of Chapters, and above all, serve blind people in this nation, we must consider other avenues of involvement. We will be employing an Assistant Executive Director. What should his role be? It has been suggested that what is most needed is a good legislative advisor who would go to the States, help them formulate State legislation that would be most helpful to the local citizens, understanding and conforming to local problems. This, of course, is possible but, like anything else worthwhile, would be expensive. Real talent of this type is scarce; I hope, however, that if this idea appeals to you, you will let your Executive Committee know.

The amount of new Federal legislation enacted during the past five years has been staggering. And what is more important for local groups is the need for companion legislation that will permit maximum advantage for those you serve. For example, a proposed welfare act, H.R. 1, has some sweeping implications for blind of all ages: social services, and how these apply to the majority of persons we serve; legislation, making provisions for services to older blind Americans; application of the new revisions of the Wagner-O'Day Act, P.L. 92-28; and substantial improvements that can take place if the Randolph-Sheppard Act is revised and passed as we hope it will be.

Another very real way of assisting Chapters is to provide expert help in thinking through and developing projects designed to take ad-

vantage of new support money, and at the same time open projects that are innovative and will bring new services to all whom we serve. This, too, will require a person of great skill and imagination, but it certainly is an area where help is needed and where a possible contribution of national significance can be made. Please remember that perhaps only one of these ideas can be initiated to begin with, but we must be thinking of a variety of plans, letting the one with the greatest support be started first.

Another suggestion is to continue and expand regional training in the forms of seminars. We have operated some workshops, but there is a real need for special executive training for our public and private agency personnel. The training sessions I am suggesting would be of one week to ten days' duration, operated in conjunction with Brookings or some other noted institution. These are vital if we are to keep abreast of what is going on and what is being planned by management and government in the future. Such programs have been in operation for State agency executives for a long time and, while we would all agree that good management principles are essentially the same, there are different areas that need special attention for agencies serving the blind, since many of our larger agencies work across the board rather than in program segments. Perhaps such a project could be and should be the product of several organizations. I am merely indicating what it would mean to have a person planning and coordinating sessions on a full-time basis. Another idea would be the exchange of experimental ideas, such as will be taking place at our general session on Wednesday morning.

Such proposals could be shared year round through publication in expanded *News and Views* or CONTEMPORARY PAPERS, with no great amount of additional expense. It might also be possible to use *News and Views* as a means for continuing the publication of position openings. There are but a few thoughts that we have discussed. They are designed to stimulate your thinking, and I hope they will result in many demands for service from the National Office during the next few months. Our organization has reached a point of growth where expansion cannot and should not take

place without the decision-making coming from you.

One of the accomplishments during the past administration, of which I am very proud, is the formation of an official committee, constituted from the heads of major organizations of and for the blind. Speaking formally and informally to regional and State meetings, I have dwelt on the need for cooperation among all groups who serve the blind. In the coming decade pressures for services from all sides will be so great that unless we unite to make our voices heard on behalf of the blind, they will be lost in the general cacophony, and the hard-fought games that were won during the past century and a quarter, will be swept away on the rising tide of human rights.

The committee was formed on the premise that, while we cannot agree on everything (if we could there would be no need for separate organizations), we do have many more points of common cause than we have differences. The time has come to search out those areas of agreement and develop national programs and legislation accordingly. We can no longer afford the luxury of philosophical arguments in public; we must iron out our differences privately and then present a solid front to Congress and others who will have a profound affect on our future. Lest anyone misunderstand, let me make it very clear that cooperation means working together for the common good of blind people, no horse-trading on basic organizational principles. I can foresee no problem in everyone keeping his organizational identity, but working together and expending every possible resource for a common goal.

In the past few years many have expressed the opinion that the day of obtaining special legislation for the blind has passed. A defeatist attitude of this kind is not only wrong, but plays into the hands of the propagandists who want us to believe that our efforts are futile. Congress and the State legislatures will never turn a deaf ear on request for help in fulfilling unmet needs so long as the program is presented logically, with ample supporting evidence, and the request has the backing of all concerned. Division on major issues can only result in confusion on the part of the lawmakers and defeat for the entire

group. Even with the best of intentions, we will still have areas of conflict. But unless we belong to that peculiar minority who would rather fight than win, we had better nurture the development of a united front.

Let me cite one area which has become of great concern to all of us during the past few years. Government, as you know, goes through cycles every 15 to 20 years. According to what is prevalent at the time, they become deeply involved in either merging departments or separating them in the name of efficiency and streamlined supervision. At present, the move is toward submergence of divisions, agencies and departments into one big umbrella organization. Whether the principles are sound depends largely on the side of the fence you find yourself. In any event, it is not my purpose tonight to argue either side. The result for the blind in an ill-conceived merger can be disastrous.

You have heard all the arguments—administrative savings, streamlined supervision, more rapid service delivery to people, and much more. You also know that, at least in service to small population groups with very special needs such as the blind, none of the arguments holds water. You cannot effect economy by diluting services. If you submerge services, the real need can be lost in the clamor from other legitimate causes, and from this standpoint only can savings be effected. We must continue to support able spokesmen at all levels of government, but never sell the program on cost effectiveness. It is expensive to rehabilitate a blind person for employment or for independent living and there is no reason for minimizing the cost. The return in dollars makes the investment well worthwhile. But even if this were not the case, every American is entitled to equal opportunity for achieving his potential and living in a semblance of dignity.

Too often we have heard it said that the "blind already have too many privileges." People who make such glib statements display their gross ignorance of the thousands of older blind persons and the multiply handicapped blind who have never received any substantial services other than very inadequate income maintenance. The major changes in administrative structure will take place on the State and local level. Here is where the final story

will be written. The strongest public or private agency cannot continue to function normally for those they serve and withstand the heavy pressures for reorganization very long without the complete support of you and organizations like you.

I began by outlining some of our prideful accomplishments. Over the past three quarters of a century we have had our share of success. But the establishment of who we were will have little value in determining who we are, or more importantly, who we want to be.

It's foolish for any speaker to think that his work can influence future action of an audience, but I hope to make one point: the next decade, and those beyond, will require a whole new set of techniques; the challenges, frustration and rewards, too, will be greater. But only you and your counterpart organizations will decide whether we pick up the wave of the future or rest comfortably in a backwash and thus help fit the final words to an interesting but incomplete chapter of history titled "Work for the Blind."

MINUTES OF THE 1971 NATIONAL MEETING

The 1971 Biennial National Meeting of the American Association of Workers for the Blind was held at the Hotel John Marshall, Richmond, Virginia, July 18-21, 1971. All who attended expressed delight with the true southern hospitality of our hosts and the historic beauty of Richmond. Under the chairmanship of William T. Coppage, the Host Committee had not overlooked any detail in planning an enjoyable meeting.

A band concert at 7:00 p.m. by the 75th Army Band, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, preceded the Opening Session, chaired by Dr. Douglas C. MacFarland, President. The Presidential address followed a welcome by representatives of both State and city governments.

President MacFarland presented Special Citations to:

VINCENT J. IACURTO, National Membership Chairman, "in recognition of his outstanding accomplishments leading to the establishment of new individual membership records in 1970 and 1971"; and

ROBERT H. WHITSTOCK, Chairman of the Chapter and Regional Organization Committee, "in recognition of his outstanding accomplishments in the organization and development of Chapter and Regional Organizations during the period 1969-1971."

Six Chapter Charters were presented as follows:

Great Plains (South Dakota, North Dakota, and Nebraska)
Louisiana
Missouri
Northwest (Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington)
Oklahoma
Rocky Mountains (Colorado, Montana, Utah, and Wyoming)

Informal entertainment followed, which provided an opportunity for new members to get acquainted and old members to renew acquaintances.

As in the past few years, the General Sessions were scheduled during midday, with the Special Interest Groups meeting at the beginning and end of the day.

On Monday morning, at 7:30, the Chapter and Regional Presidents' Breakfast was held under the leadership of Robert H. Whitstock, Chairman of the Chapter and Regional Organization Committee. The First General Session, chaired by President MacFarland, opened at 10:30 a.m., with the keynote address by Dr. H. I. Willett. Jansen Noyes, Jr. reviewed the 50-year history of the American Foundation for the Blind. The meeting was closed with the report of the Nominating Committee by Howard H. Hanson, Chairman, as follows:

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John F. Nagle
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Lyle H. Thume

The Second General Session opened at 2:00 p.m., with nominations from the floor of Joe Sullivan and Bill Springer as Board Members. Chairman Hanson announced that the election would be held the following day, with voting from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Patrick Henry Room.

Joseph H. Wiggins, Program Representative from Interest Group 2, presented for adoption

a system of Chairman-elect for Interest Groups, in order that a person with some experience could carry over from one biennium to the next. The amendment was adopted. David Jeffreys discussed volunteer programs and encouraged Federal employees to become volunteers.

A very busy day of meetings was followed by the Presidential Reception at 5:50 p.m. and dancing at 9:00 p.m. A reception for the deaf-blind and their friends was hosted by the Industrial Home for the Blind, the National Center for Deaf-Blind Youth and Adults, and the Virginia Commission for the Visually Handicapped.

On Tuesday, at 7:30 a.m., the Past-Presidents' Breakfast was held, with Dr. Norman M. Yoder presiding.

At the Third General Session, starting at 2 p.m., President MacFarland again presided. John D. Twiname, Administrator of the Social and Rehabilitation Service of HEW, discussed "SRS-Current Developments and Future Plans." Dr. Edward Newman, Commissioner, RSA, discussed the State-Federal program on the local level; John B. Martin, Special Assistant to the President for the Aging and U.S. Commissioner on Aging, discussed the program for the aging; Joseph V. Hunt, Deputy Commissioner, Community Services Administration, discussed community services. Mr. Twiname stated that this was the first time the three agencies had been represented on a program outside of Washington.

The Ambrose M. Shotwell Memorial Banquet was held Tuesday evening, beginning at 7:30, with the Award being presented to Arthur N. Magill, Executive Director of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind and a former President of AAWB. Due to illness, Mr. Magill was unable to attend, and his son John accepted the Award in his behalf. The presentation speeches by George Wernitz, Jr. and W. E. Milton pointed out the many accomplishments of the honoree.

During the banquet, Mr. Hanson announced the results of the election of Board Members for a term of four years:

Dr. Jerome R. Dunham
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Lyle H. Thume

The Fourth General Session followed business meetings of Interest Groups on Wednesday morning. President MacFarland presided, with Mrs. K. Bauman chairing the panel on "New Projects and Programs in Work for the Blind." The panelists, Dr. Fred L. Crawford, Dr. Jerome R. Dunham, Charles W. Hoehne, John F. Mungovan, Mrs. Ethel F. Payne, Dr. Peter J. Salmon, and Mrs. Mildred Sindell presented some very thought-provoking subjects.

The Membership Luncheon at noon on Wednesday was chaired by William T. Coppage. Mr. Vincent J. Iacurto, National Membership Chairman, reported a total of 28 Chapters, with 2,655 individual members and 140 agencies.* He gave much credit to Robert H. Whitstock, to President MacFarland, and most importantly to the chapter and non-chapter membership chairmen and their committees for the outstanding increase in memberships and new chapters.

Mr. O. F. Wise was the recipient of the Alfred Allen Award, presented by Louis H. Rives, Jr. The John H. McAulay Award was presented by J. Arthur Johnson to Harold Richterman.

The Fifth and final General Session, chaired by the President, consisted of reports from the following:

Board of Directors
Treasurer
Braille Authority
Legislative Committee
Necrology Committee
Orientation and Mobility Certification Committee
Rehabilitation Teachers' Certification Committee
Resolutions Committee
World Council for the Welfare of the Blind

Upon motion, made and seconded, all reports were accepted.

Upon motion, made and seconded, it was voted to change the name of Group 8 from

*See corrections as of press date, page 25.

"General Interest" to "Public Relations."

Dr. MacFarland expressed appreciation to all those who had helped to make his term a successful one, and then turned the Chair over to Mr. Cleo B. Dolan. The new Presi-

dent adjourned the meeting, following which numerous prizes were distributed by the Host Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Lila Lampkin, *Secretary*

1971 NATIONAL MEETING REPORTS

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

John L. Naler, Executive Director
American Association of Workers for the Blind
Washington, D.C.

For those of you who have grown accustomed to hearing a Board of Directors report delivered by the Executive Director, I bring you a message of good cheer. This is, if I have anything to do about it, the last of this particular series. Do not, however, leap to the conclusion that the business session in Cleveland will be shorter than this one. Rather, I intend to speak in the 1973 National Meeting as the Executive Director who may or may not strictly agree with all that has gone on in our organization in the period preceding the meeting, or what may be planned for the future.

In this connection, it seems to me that one of the major responsibilities of your executive is to challenge the membership to change. Hopefully, this type of activity will produce a better AAWB and one which will have greater appeal for the average worker in our field. Thus, I may feel constrained at a future meeting to take issue with some decision which has been reached or to suggest an alternate solution to one which has been offered.

Also, a report on behalf of the Board of Directors, if it is to be complete, must necessarily include a discussion of what the various committees have done, and I am of the opinion that all of them would rather speak for themselves.

Being bound to some extent on this occasion by precedent and, perhaps even more, by the program, I am, however, forced today to follow in the footsteps of those who have preceded me.

It is very easy for me to sum up the biennium which ends today. AAWB has had the greatest two years in its long history!

We have, as Mr. Iacurto pointed out in the Membership Luncheon a short time ago, established new individual membership records in both 1970 and 1971 — which is a continuation of the precedent established in 1968 and followed in 1969.

We have, as Mr. Viececi will report in a few moments, made remarkable progress during the past 24 months in improving AAWB's financial posture.

We have during the past two years, with one less member on the national staff than was the case at the end of July, 1969, been able to process an ever-increasing number of memberships, while at the same time responding to more requests for information and assistance. And I would like at this juncture to publicly acknowledge the magnificent work done by my Administrative Secretary for the past 18 months, Judith Nail, and the two young ladies who have done such outstanding work in processing memberships, Mary Lindstrom and Carleater Holmes.

Three of the six issues of "Contemporary Papers" published to date have been made available during the past 24 months. Quarterly supplements to the Card Catalogue have been sent to approximately 150 subscribers on a regular basis, and BLINDNESS continues to grow in popularity and use.

The six regional meetings held last year were outstanding successes, and your Board is

confident that we shall do even better next year.

All of you are aware that AAWB joined all of the other national organizations of and for the blind in a successful effort to reverse the decision of the Secretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare to abolish the Division for the Blind and Visually Handicapped. No agency I suppose can be singled out for contributing more to this effort than another, but I am very proud of the fact that the first alarm on a national basis went out from your own headquarters. And I am very happy that the efforts of four of our Chapters and a number of individual members contributed greatly in changing the Secretary's mind.

One of the Board's chief disappointments has been the failure of the group insurance program to gain sufficient qualified applicants to authorize the coverage offered. The income which AAWB might have received from this source could have lessened the burden of those who prepare and supervise AAWB's budget.

But we simply have not received the response which was anticipated, and there appears to be no chance that either life or hospital indemnity coverage will go into effect.

One of the brightest periods of the last two years for me, and I'm sure all of the members of the Board, has been encompassed in the past three days. The work and planning of so many of our members in Virginia has produced what I believe anyone in Richmond these past few days will agree has been an outstanding meeting. The Board is deeply grateful to all of those who helped with this 44th national gathering of AAWB's members.

There are few, if any, in this country who are greater fans of Miss Mahalia Jackson, who is known as the greatest gospel singer in the world, than this speaker. One of my favorite songs that she sings has a title which expresses very well the hopes and wishes I have for AAWB until we meet in Cleveland — "Let's Move On Up A Little Higher" in efforts to improve the lives of blind persons.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Louis Viececi, Treasurer

Assistant Professor of Rehabilitation, Southern Illinois University
Carbondale, Illinois

First, let me say that our auditor's report will be published in the PROCEEDINGS of the conference so that you will have a chance to review for yourself the complete financial picture for the year which ended December 31, 1971.

However, I am very happy to be able to announce that, following deficits of more than \$10,000 in 1968 and in excess of \$21,000 in 1969, the annual audit which was done for us by Rubin and Schimel, Certified Public Accountants of Washington, D. C., shows an excess of income over expenditures of \$17,516.99 for last year. Additional evidence of our improved financial posture is the fact that, as of May 31 of this year, we had more than

\$41,000 on deposit in interest-bearing accounts.

AAWB income for 1970 from the various types of memberships (annual, agency, life, and student) plus revenue from publications, interest, support for regionalization, and other sources amounted to \$70,382.25. General expenses amounted to \$52,865.26, leaving a balance of \$17,516.99.

I think that special thanks should go to all of those who worked so hard to achieve our growth in memberships and to make regionalization such a successful and profitable enterprise, both professionally and financially.

The report from the firm of Rubin & Schimel follows.

RUBIN & SCHIMEL*Certified Public Accountants*

BETHESDA, MARYLAND 20014
 4801 MONTGOMERY LANE
 TELEPHONE (301) 654-0800

February 17, 1971

American Association of Workers of the Blind, Inc.
 1511 K Street, N. W.
 Washington, D. C. 20005

Gentlemen:

We have examined the books and records of the American Association of Workers for the Blind, Inc., for the year ended December 31, 1970, and have prepared the following statements:

Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balances
 Statement of Income and Expense

The records of the Association are kept on a cash basis; therefore no liabilities were recorded for future costs involved in servicing life membership and no inventory was taken of materials on hand. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards with the exceptions above, and accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary under the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly the cash transactions as recorded of the American Association of Workers for the Blind, Inc., at December 31, 1970, and the results of its operation for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Respectfully submitted,

RUBIN & SCHIMEL
 Certified Public Accountants

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WORKERS FOR THE BLIND, INC.

BALANCE SHEET

DECEMBER 31, 1970

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash —

Union Trust	\$ 5,188.53
Home Federal Savings and Loan	11,446.91
Maryland State Savings and Loan	177.42
Regional Meeting Account	289.16
Banks for Cooperatives	10,000.00
Federal Intermediate Credit Bank	15,000.00
Returned checks	18.00
Petty Cash	50.00

Total Current Assets

\$42,170.02

FIXED ASSETS

Furniture, fixtures and equipment	\$ 4,469.00
Accumulated depreciation	(4,397.00)

Total Fixed Assets

72.00

TOTAL ASSETS

\$42,242.02

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Prepaid Student	\$ 19.00
Prepaid New Outlook — 1971	906.00
Prepaid Agency — 1971	3,580.00
Prepaid Annual	7,981.50
Prepaid Life	340.00
F.I.C.A. Payable	64.00
Federal Withholding taxes payable	577.21
Virginia State Withholding taxes payable	261.22
Unemployment taxes	1.56
Project 3 (Schedule attached)	510.64

Total Current Liabilities

\$14,241.13

CAPITAL

AAWB	\$ 7,598.69
Life Membership	14,233.85
Service Award	6,168.35

Total Capital

28,008.89

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

\$42,242.02

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WORKERS FOR THE BLIND

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE

FOR THE FOUR-MONTH PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1970

INCOME

Membership Annual	\$27,546.12
Membership Agency	11,430.00
Membership Life	1,440.00
Membership Student	760.00
Publications	84.00
Blindness	774.00
Interest	742.52
Donations	10.00
Film	326.00
Support for Regionalization	21,000.00

Other	3,720.71	
New Outlook	2,548.90	
TOTAL INCOME		\$70,382.25
GENERAL EXPENSES		
Salaries and Benefits	\$23,297.78	
Accounting	1,100.00	
Braille	1,323.22	
Committee and Board Expense	494.53	
Dues and Subscriptions	4,933.57	
Duplicating	606.66	
Equipment	325.00	
Insurance Expenses	550.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	2,079.21	
Postage and Freight	512.52	
President's Expenses	235.46	
Printing and Mailing	10,807.70	
Rent	2,604.75	
Supplies	839.11	
Telephone and Telegraph	632.63	
Travel Expenses	2,523.12	
TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES		52,865.26
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENSES		\$17,516.99

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WORKERS FOR THE BLIND
PROJECT INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT
FOR THE FOUR MONTH PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1970

SCHEDULE 1

PROJECT 3

Salaries and Benefits	\$4,898.14	
Consultants (Editorial Board)	825.00	
Office Supplies	251.81	
Teaching Materials	344.36	
Travel	1,791.53	
Telephone	68.70	
Postage and Mailing	225.82	
Rent	1,000.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES — PROJECT 3		\$ 9,405.36
GRANT INCOME TO DATE FOR YEAR ENDING		
AUGUST 31, 1971		(9,916.00)
PROJECT BALANCE		\$ 510.64

REPORT OF THE AAWB-AEVH BRAILLE AUTHORITY

Bernard M. Krebs, Chairman

Librarian, Jewish Guild for the Blind, New York, New York

The program of the Braille Authority during the past year encompassed two major projects: the development of a basic Computer Code, and the revision of the Mathematics Code. With the aid of advisory committees of specialists and experts, substantial progress has been made in both these areas.

The introduction of more sophisticated hardware into the computer field brought with it the inclusion of many more symbols than those required for earlier computer equipment. To assure that current and future symbolic configurations could be incorporated into the code, a system of two-cell symbols, each representing a single ink-print character, has been provided. In so far as possible, the computer symbols conform to those used in the Mathematics Code. In addition, a viable format plan for presenting flow charts has been developed. The Computer Code is now in the last stages of development and should be ready to be presented for approval by the Associations in the very near future.

In response to comments and criticisms from educators, students, transcribers, and Braille publishers, the Mathematics Code has been given a substantial overhaul. The wording has been clarified; more emphasis has been placed upon clarity of Braille presentation; and

primary consideration has been given to readability. Although the code is substantially similar to the 1965 revision, the minor changes and additions should prove of major value to both students and Brailleists. A final review of the updated code is now under way and will be presented to the Advisory Council of the Braille Authority later this year.

Members of the Braille Authority and its Advisory Committees have been in consultation with Dr. Carson Y. Nolan and Mr. Cleves Kederis on the "Braille Codes Pilot Project" in connection with the SRS Planning Grant to the American Printing House for the Blind. All those involved in Braille code development are looking forward with real interest to the results of the Pilot Project and to the possibility of obtaining a major grant geared toward the refinement of all Braille codes. In the interim, viable Braille codes are at hand for English Braille, mathematics, music, textbook format and computer Braille.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernard M. Krebs, Chairman

Mrs. Maxine B. Dorf, Co-Chairman

Marjorie S. Hooper, Secretary-Treasurer

Freda Henderson

Mrs. Alice M. Mann

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Peter J. Salmon, Chairman

Director, National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults
New Hyde Park, New York

Following his election as President of AAWB, Dr. Douglas C. MacFarland appointed a Legislative Committee consisting of Dr. Peter J. Salmon, *Chairman*; Irvin P. Schloss, *Vice-Chairman*; Mary K. Bauman, William T. Cop-

page, Joseph Kohn, Roy Kumpe, and Burt Risley. Dr. MacFarland also appointed advisors to the Legislative Committee as follows: M. Robert Barnett, *Executive Director*, American Foundation for the Blind; Robert S. Bray,

Chief, Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress; Finis E. Davis, Vice President and General Manager, American Printing House for the Blind.

During the period of this report from July 1969 to July 1971, the Legislative Committee met five times to discuss pending legislation; development of amendments to the Vocational Rehabilitation Act to provide rehabilitation services for older blind persons and generally to improve services for the blind, deaf-blind, and other severely handicapped; and to discuss the reorganization of the Rehabilitation Services Administration abolishing the Division for the Blind and Visually Handicapped. In addition, under the leadership of the Chairman of the Legislative Committee, representatives of AAWB, Association for the Education of the Visually Handicapped, American Council of the Blind, American Foundation for the Blind, American Printing House for the Blind, Blinded Veterans Association, National Council of State Agencies for the Blind, National Federation of the Blind, and National Industries for the Blind conferred on the development of proposed legislation to amend the Vocational Rehabilitation Act and of a statement protesting abolition of the Division for the Blind and Visually Handicapped in RSA.

Social Security and Welfare Reform

In October 1969 the Vice-Chairman testified on behalf of AAWB as well as AFB on proposed improvements in the Social Security Act before the House Committee on Ways and Means. In addition, in September 1970, he appeared before the Senate Committee on Finance on the House-passed social security bill and filed a statement on the welfare reform bill.

As the 91st Congress failed to complete action on social security amendments, including welfare reform, the House Committee on Ways and Means initiated action early in the 92nd Congress without additional hearings. Public Law 92-5, which increased the ceiling on the national debt, also contained a 10 percent across-the-board increase in social security cash benefits retroactive to January 1, 1971. In addition, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 1 on June 22 containing

improvements in the OASDI program as well as welfare provisions of the Social Security Act. Of major significance to AAWB are the following improvements:

1. Coverage of individuals entitled to cash disability insurance benefits for two years for medicare benefits.
2. Liberalization of entitlement of blind persons to disability insurance cash benefits by elimination of the requirement of 20-out-of-40 quarters preceding the onset of disability in covered employment.
3. Federalization of the adult public assistance programs of aid to the aged, blind, and disabled with cash benefits for an eligible individual beginning at \$130 monthly for fiscal 1973 and increasing to \$150 monthly for fiscal 1975 and thereafter. (An eligible couple will be entitled to \$195 monthly for fiscal 1973 and \$200 monthly for fiscal 1974 and thereafter.)
4. Mandatory referral of all blind and disabled public assistance recipients under 65 for vocational rehabilitation services with the Federal government covering the full cost of such services.

When hearings are held by the Senate Committee on Finance, the Legislative Committee proposes to continue advocating further liberalization of disability insurance provisions for the blind to permit blind persons with six quarters in covered employment to receive cash benefits without regard to their ability to engage in substantial gainful activity. In addition, the Committee will continue to advocate liberalization of financing of and stricter State plan provisions in maternal and child health and crippled children's services under Title V of the Social Security Act to assure more effective preventive and ameliorative services for children with vision problems.

Randolph-Sheppard Act Amendments

On July 9, 1970 the Chairman of the Legislative Committee testified in support of S.2461 before the Special Subcommittee on Handicapped Workers of the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare. This bill had been developed jointly by AAWB, ACB, AFB, BVA, NCSAB, and NFB and introduced by Senator Jennings Randolph of West Virginia, who also served as chairman of the subcommittee.

S. 2461 was passed by the Senate with minor changes on September 28, 1970. Hearings on it were held by the Select Subcommittee on Education of the House Committee on Education and Labor on November 30 and December 8. The Vice-Chairman of the Legislative Committee testified on behalf of AAWB as well as AFB and BVA on November 30.

As a result of overt and highly organized opposition by various postal workers unions and the American Federation of Government Employees, the subcommittee failed to act on the bill pending development of authoritative information on the extent of the income from vending machines on Government property being received by Federal employee groups. The Postmaster General is reported to be making a study of this question as it relates to installations under the control of the United States Postal Service.

Senator Randolph has not yet introduced legislation in the 92nd Congress to improve the Randolph-Sheppard Vending Stand Act. It is doubtful that the House Committee on Education and Labor will do anything until after the Senate initiates action.

Wagner-O'Day Act Amendments

On July 9, 1970 the Chairman of the Legislative Committee testified in support of S. 3425 before the Special Subcommittee on Handicapped Workers of the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare. S. 3425 would amend the Wagner-O'Day Act to extend its provisions to the other severely handicapped while retaining a preference for the blind. It would also apply to purchase of services and assure workshops for the blind of a five-year priority over workshops for the other severely handicapped. The Senate passed the bill with amendments on September 28, 1970; but the House of Representatives failed to act on it. Senator Jacob K. Javits (R-N.Y.) reintroduced the bill with perfecting amendments early in the 92nd Congress as S. 557. It was passed by the Senate without any hearings on March 25.

The Special Studies Subcommittee of the House Committee on Government Operations held hearings on the legislation on April 20-21, at which the Chairman of the Legislative

Committee testified. The Subcommittee reported a "clean" bill, H.R. 8011, with extensive revisions to the Act designed to update the statutory authority for these preferential contract procedures in accordance with current practice. The bill increased the membership of the Committee for Purchase of Products and Services of the Blind and Other Severely Handicapped to fourteen and retained the provisions giving permanent priority in the purchase of products to workshops for the blind and the five-year priority in the purchase of services. The bill also authorized the Committee to have a staff and provided funding for this purpose.

On June 7 the House of Representatives amended S. 557 to contain the provisions of H.R. 8011. The Senate passed the bill on June 9 and sent it to the President, who signed it as Public Law 92-28 on June 23.

Vocational Rehabilitation

In cooperation with ACB, AFB, BVA, NCSAB and NFB, the Legislative Committee participated in the development of legislation designed to provide rehabilitation services to older blind persons by amending the Vocational Rehabilitation Act to establish special grants to the state program. The bill was introduced on March 1, 1971 as S. 1030 by Senator Jennings Randolph and 49 cosponsors. A companion bill, H.R. 7949 was introduced by Rep. Carl Perkins of Kentucky on May 3.

The same six organizations have jointly developed amendments to other provisions of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act designed to improve services to blind, deaf-blind, and other severely handicapped individuals. These proposed amendments with modifications were introduced on July 15 as HR 9847 by Rep. Brademas. It is anticipated that hearings will be held by the House Select Subcommittee on Education late in September on proposed amendments to the Vocational Rehabilitation Act which expires June 30, 1972.

RSA Reorganization

Under the leadership of the Chairman of the Legislative Committee, the various national organizations of and for the blind—AAWB,

AEVH, ACB, AFB, APH, BVA, NCSAB, NFB, and NIB—made representations to Mr. John D. Twiname, Administrator of the Social and Rehabilitation Service, and Dr. Edward Newman, Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration, urging restoration of the Division for the Blind and Visually Handicapped in RSA abolished in a reorganization. As a result of these representations, HEW created in RSA the Office for the Blind and Visually Handicapped with full divisional status. Official notice of this restoration appeared in the *Federal Register* of June 9.

In addition, both the Secretary of HEW and the Administrator of SRS indicated by letter that the Director of the Office for the Blind and Visually Handicapped would be designated as a Special Assistant to the Administrator for liaison with the other constituent agencies of SRS on programs affecting blind persons. They also indicated that an informal advisory committee would be established to provide consultation from time to time on programs for the blind administered by SRS. To date no action has been taken to appoint members of the advisory committee.

The Committee recommends that AAWB support a concerted effort by other national organizations to improve coordination and increase availability of textbooks and other pro-

fessional reading matter for blind students and employed blind persons.

Your Legislative Committee will be alert to proposed legislation of specific significance to blind persons and workers for the blind. In addition to seeking improvements in social security, public assistance, vocational rehabilitation, and vending stand legislation, the Committee anticipates that national health insurance legislation in some form will be enacted by the end of the 92nd Congress and will attempt to assure provisions which will cover certain types of rehabilitation services for individuals with vision problems as well as normal medical and surgical services.

Respectfully submitted,

Legislative Committee

Peter J. Salmon, *Chairman*
 Irvin P. Schloss, *Vice-Chairman*
 Mrs. Mary K. Bauman
 William T. Coppage
 Joseph Kohn
 Roy Kumpe
 Burt L. Risley

Advisory Committee on Legislative Policy

M. Robert Barnett
 Robert S. Bray
 Finis E. Davis

REPORT OF THE NECROLOGY COMMITTEE

H. A. Wood, Chairman

Past President, AAWB, Raleigh, North Carolina

Without objection from the members, your Necrology Committee would appreciate this report being received as a part of the PROCEEDINGS of this convention, subject to any additions that may be necessary. Thank you.

Dear Hearts and Gentle People:

In this quiet hour, we pause to remember, and to give thanks, that there are those who

are willing to spend themselves that others may have a brighter and better way of life. Whatever their achievements, whatever their successes, we may never know; but we do know their lives have blessed countless thousands, and the world is a better place because they lived among us.

Men do not love to think of death, because they are not on good terms with him. They

resort to forgetfulness. They occupy themselves, often, intensely. They rush into pleasures. They count him to be no kind companion, and no pleasant friend, who will insist upon reminding them of dying and death. Let no one talk lightly about death. It is a terrible reality. Sometimes death means release from limitations of the body as well as the end of physical suffering and pain. At times death becomes a revealer of those things that are most worthwhile, clearly showing us that some of the things to which we give our attentions are not worthy of our devotion.

And sometimes we overestimate our importance, and think that death is a terrible thing because we are conceited in regard to our relations here in this world. But we are not as necessary as we think. The sun will come up tomorrow if we do die. The stars will shine if we are not here to see them. Summer will come if our plow is still. The world is not made to turn on us as a pivot. We occupy a very small place. Our little will, and our little purposes, scarcely create the great orb of affairs. And no man is so necessary that God cannot raise up one to take his place. But the true significance of death lies in the fact that it brings men into final moral relations with God; that it brings moral character and conduct to a final test; that it brings men into judgment for all the deeds done in the body—for every word; for every thought; for every habit; for every element of character. At death, men enter into the presence of God.

My friends, I say these things because these words could well be those of one of our departed members with whom I have spent many hours discussing the vicissitudes of life and death. And, as he would wish it, the following tribute to him belongs to all of our friends whom we recognize at this moment:

Like Abraham, he went where he was called and was faithful in all things.

Like Moses, he had led the people of God from doubts and fears to confidence for success in the face of difficulties.

Like Joshua, he loved his country and fought and suffered for its success.

Like Jonathan, he met many a discouraged brother and cheered him by giving him strength from God.

Like David, he sang the church to victory and shouted on the battle of blessed triumph.

Like Isaiah, he constantly pointed the church to brighter days and better things in the future.

Like Daniel, he was true through life to the teaching of his boyhood days.

Like Malachi, he believed in bringing all the tithes into the Lord's storehouse.

Like John the Baptist, he delighted to cry to the multitudes: "Behold the Lamb of God."

Like St. John, he believed with all his soul that Jesus Christ was the Son of God.

Like Peter, he honored the Holy Ghost by teaching the doctrine of the operation of the Divine Spirit upon the souls of men.

Like Paul, he rejoiced that Jesus died for all men and he did his best to let the world know this blessed truth with pen, song, and sermon.

Like Jesus, his Divine Master, whom he followed daily, "he went about doing good."

A blessed and consecrated Christian, he was true to his God, his country, his church and his fellow man. He sought to inspire others to share his enthusiasm and worked to the very last moment of his busy life for the interests of blind people.

The world is richer because he lived, worked, and died in the faith. When he died there was only one place he could go. And it seems to me I can hear him reading again a poem he read to me one night in his room, a long time ago at a Workshop on Rehabilitation Centers. Because of different positions he and I had taken on a matter that had been before the group in the afternoon session, it had been necessary to have an evening meeting. We resolved our differences, the meeting adjourned, and we went to his room together. Here is the poem:

"God has not promised skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways all our lives through.
God has not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.
But God has promised strength for the day,
Rest for the laborer, light for the way,
Grace for the trials, help from above,
Unfailing sympathy, undying love."

"Father Tom" Carroll was a faithful priest. He left the world richer.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Elsie Broadway, Hopewell, Ohio

Gene Brown, Field Representative, Guide Dogs for the Blind, Colorado Springs, Colorado
 Father Thomas J. Carroll, Director of Professional Policy and Development, Catholic Guild for the Blind, Newton, Massachusetts

Judge Sam Cathey, Former Chairman, North Carolina State Commission for the Blind, Asheville, North Carolina

Doctor Thomas E. Caulfield, Rehabilitation Director, St. Paul's Rehabilitation Center for the Blind, Newton, Massachusetts

Marshall Elder, Vending Stand Operator, Florida Council for the Blind, Pensacola, Florida

Maurice Felts, Home Teacher, State of Tennessee Rehabilitation Services for the Blind, Memphis, Tennessee

Robert J. Francioni, Visual Aids Counselor, Louisiana State Bureau for the Blind, Arabi, Louisiana

Charles Garrett, Social Worker, North Carolina State Commission for the Blind, Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Robert M. Grabel, Rehabilitation Counselor, Bureau of Blind Services, St. Petersburg, Florida

Doctor Gordon H. Guyler, Medical Consultant, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

John W. Holman, Placement Agent, Arkansas Rehabilitation Services for the Blind, Little Rock, Arkansas

William F. Johns, Executive Director, Guide Dogs for the Blind, San Rafael, California

George E. Keane, Assistant Director, Industrial Home for the Blind, Brooklyn, New York

Charles J. Kennedy, Rehabilitation Counselor, Bureau of the Visually Handicapped, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Avis Kirby, Home Teacher, Department of Public Welfare Services for the Blind, Chattanooga, Tennessee

Stephen Lane, Employment Officer, Canadian National Institute for the Blind, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Kenneth MaCollam, Executive Secretary, Di-

rector, Board of Education for the Blind, Hartford, Connecticut

Margaret Ann McGuire, Former Director, New York State Commission for the Blind, Mount Dora, Florida

Bruce L. McKenzie, Supervisor of Services for the Visually Handicapped, Department of Children and Family Services, Champaign, Illinois

George F. Meyer, Former Executive Director, New Jersey State Commission for the Blind, Lafayette, New Jersey

The Reverend Mister Daniel J. Munn, United Church of Canada, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Captain M. C. Robinson, National Director, Western Canada, Canadian National Institute for the Blind, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Curtiss H. Rodgers, Talladega, Alabama

Clyde E. Ross, Akron, Ohio

Adeline Ruenzi, Founder and President, Service Club for the Blind, St. Louis, Missouri

James Sims, Area Supervisor, Florida Council for the Blind, Daytona Beach, Florida.

Alfonso Smith, Supervisor, Broomshop, Youngstown Society for the Blind, Youngstown, Ohio

Clifford Stocker, Administrator, Oregon Department of Services for the Blind, Gladston, Oregon

Bernice Stoner, Vending Stand Operator, Florida Council for the Blind, Jacksonville, Florida

Mrs. Grace S. Williams, Home Teacher, Joplin Association for the Blind, Joplin, Missouri

Mrs. Eleanor Wilson, Secretary, Board of Directors, Association for the Conquest of Blindness, Kansas City, Kansas

In keeping with long-established tradition, I ask that you stand for a moment in silent tribute to our friends; and I will close this tribute with a prayer.

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fervor of life is over, and our work is done. Then in Thy mercy grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. Amen.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Howard H. Hanson, Chairman
 Director, South Dakota Service to the Visually Impaired
 Pierre, South Dakota

On behalf of your Nominating Committee, which includes Robert A. Eisenberg, Vincent J. Iacurto, William E. Milton, John B. Parsons, Burt L. Risley, Irvin P. Schloss, McAllister C. Upshaw, and Mrs. Helen W. Worden, I have the honor to submit the following nominees for your consideration:

Officers (Two-year Term)

President-elect—Robert H. Whitstock
 Secretary—Donald Blasch
 Treasurer—Harold G. Roberts

Board Members (Four-year Term)

Dr. Jerome R. Dunham
 Lila Lampkin

John F. Nagle
 Harold Richterman
 Frederick A. Silver
 Lyle H. Thume

Respectfully submitted,

Howard H. Hanson, *Chairman*
 Robert A. Eksenberg
 Vincent J. Iacurto
 William E. Milton
 John B. Parsons
 Burt L. Risley
 Irvin P. Schloss
 McAllister C. Upshaw
 Mrs. Helen W. Worden

REPORT OF THE ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Stanley Suterko, Chairman
 Assistant Director, Institute of Blind Rehabilitation
 Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan

The Orientation and Mobility Certification Committee met at the John Marshall Hotel, Richmond, Virginia, on July 18, 1971, to process the following applications: 55 new applications; 9 provisionally certified applicants applying for permanent certification; and 1 pending application.

Of the 65 applications reviewed, the following action was taken by the committee:

- 22 were approved for Permanent Certification
- 33 were approved for Provisional Certification
- 1 was not approved because of failure to meet the certification criteria
- 9 no action taken, pending receipt of additional supporting data

Those approved for Permanent Certification are as follows:

Brandfield, Betty
 Buonanni, Bryan
 Ciampa, William
 Dolan, William
 Fay, Joseph
 Gagnon, Rene
 Hall, Robert
 Hazekamp, John
 Howell, Jacqueline
 Howell, Robert
 Huff, Roger

Jansen, Wayne
 Johnson, Philip
 Kapphahn, David
 Lydon, William
 Nichols, Gordon
 Noble, J. Wayne
 Paradise, Samuel
 Shannon, Phillips
 Soja, Patrick
 Stanton, Claude
 Wood, Thomas

Those approved for Provisional Certification are as follows:

Altman, Jo Anne
 Angus, Matthew
 Azpeitia, Armando
 Bell, Nancy
 Bohman, Richard
 Bryan, William

Cheek, Kathleen
 Cole, Martha
 Daugherty, Kathryn
 Di Zebba, Anthony
 Fenchak, Ronald G.
 Hammond, Patricia

Head, Daniel	Necaise, Nick
Healey, Jill	Rudder, Maria
Hudson, Laura	Schuricht, Richard
Johnson, Nancy	Siegel, Alan
Klahm, Alex	Taube, Irene
Lo Point, Dennis	Texley, Ronald
Lasky, Harry	Vanderveer, Lowell
Levenbach, Beth	Webster, Richard
Manuele, Anthony	Wiener, William
McCloskey, Sandra	Yablonski, Martin
Munton, George	

Since the inception of this Committee in 1969, a total of 256 applications have been

received, resulting in the following action:

- 120 Individuals are permanently certified.
- 108 Individuals are provisionally certified.
- 19 Individuals have not been approved.
- 9 Applications are pending.

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley Suterko, *Chairman*
 Robert Hughes
 John Malamazian
 Robert Smith
 Robert H. Whitstock
 Berdell Wurzbarger

REPORT OF THE REHABILITATION TEACHERS' CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Vera J. McClain, *Chairman*
 Rehabilitation Teacher of the Blind, Vocational Rehabilitation Service
 Birmingham, Alabama

The Certification Committee met at 10:00 a.m., Room 1442, John Marshall Hotel on Sunday, July 18. Present were: Vera J. McClain, *Chairman*; Louise B. Cowan; Alvan H. Roberts; Roy J. Ward; and Ruth Kaarlela.

The application for provisional certification of Margaret Kay Crabtree of Illinois was recommended for approval by the AAWB Board of Directors.

The issue of change in certification requirements, including both academic and experience factors, was discussed, along with the desirability of including instruction in rehabilitation centers about certification standards.

To clarify the relationship between NAC standards and certification requirements, the Committee requested a meeting with representatives of NAC.

This was held on Monday afternoon, at 5:00 p.m. Present were Alexander F. Handel and Huesten Collingwood of NAC, and Vera

J. McClain, Louise B. Cowan, Alvin H. Roberts and Ruth Kaarlela of the Certification Committee. Mr. Handel explained that NAC standards will be reviewed beginning in 1973, that it is desirable for the various professional disciplines to develop standards, and that professions, themselves, establish certification criteria. NAC standards are not a substitute for certification.

The Committee decided to review the matter of certification criteria and will make this its objective during the next biennium. It will also present the matter of NAC standards for review by Interest Group 3.

Respectfully submitted,

Vera J. McClain, *Chairman*
 Louise B. Cowan
 Ruth Kaarlela
 Mrs. Sammie K. Rankin
 Mrs. Dorothy E. Tynar
 Roy J. Ward

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

L. H. Autry, Jr., Chairman

Director, Arkansas Rehabilitation Services for the Blind
Little Rock, Arkansas

Resolution 1

WHEREAS, The regionalization efforts are showing a positive impact on the field of work with the blind as evidenced by the growth in Chapters and membership bringing in a broader representation of individuals interested in work for the blind; and

WHEREAS, The successful regional conferences demonstrate the leadership, talent and dedication which exist at the grass-roots level; and

WHEREAS, The continued injection of new people, new ideas and emerging leadership into the main stream of organizational activity is the life blood of a growing, responsive movement; and

WHEREAS, A sound, progressive, responsive, relevant program of services for blind and visually handicapped individuals is dependent on continued growth in leadership and organization; and

WHEREAS, We recognize and commend all those individuals involved in furthering the regionalization efforts:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the American Association of Workers for the Blind meeting in Richmond, Virginia, July 21, 1971, pledges to continue its efforts to insure the future growth and expansion of state, local and regional organizations in order to better serve the needs of blind and visually handicapped individuals.

Resolution 2

WHEREAS, Agencies and programs for the blind have in the past developed service concepts and service delivery methods which have been adopted for use by agencies and programs serving other populations of disabled or disadvantaged citizens; and

WHEREAS, AAWB is committed to the goal of providing comprehensive services to the blind, so that such individuals may attain

maximum personal independence and enter fully into the life of their communities; and

WHEREAS, The pursuit of this goal by agencies and programs for the blind can lead to the development and demonstration of new service concepts and service delivery methods which will redound, not only to the advantage of blind individuals, but also to the benefit of other disabled and disadvantaged citizens who presently are the subject of great national interest and concern; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That AAWB hereby express to Secretary Elliot L. Richardson and other HEW officials strong support of and deep appreciation for the Department's action in establishing an Office for the Blind and Visually Handicapped, with direct accountability to the Administrator of the Social and Rehabilitation Service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That AAWB commits itself to working closely with this new Office, not only for the purpose of improving and strengthening services for blind and visually handicapped Americans, but also for the purpose of developing new service concepts and methodologies which will have a significant impact upon major social concerns which need to be effectively addressed in the immediate future; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, while AAWB sincerely appreciates the outstanding leadership and direction given to work for the blind by the former Division for the Blind and Visually Handicapped, it must be noted that the effectiveness of the former Division was greatly restricted by chronic shortages of personnel, and it being apparent that these staff problems will become more acute when the new Office for the Blind and Visually Handicapped begins to assume its broadened responsibilities, AAWB respectfully requests that the highest priority be given to providing additional, competent staff to this Office.

Resolution 3

WHEREAS, Braille and recorded material mailed by the blind is now accepted by the U.S. Post Office free of postage, but is handled as third-class mail, often resulting in long delays in delivery; and

WHEREAS, Blind persons frequently have need for faster service on important mailings; and

WHEREAS, Braille and recorded material is two to three times as heavy as material typed on ordinary bond paper, and would therefore cost two to three times as much to mail:

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, That the U.S. Post Office, in considering its rates during reorganization as a non-profit corporation, be petitioned to consider increasing the weight limit on Braille and recorded material mailed by the blind to three ounces instead of the customary one ounce limit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this new provision shall not be considered a replacement for the free franking privileges now given to the blind and physically handicapped under provisions of third-class mail; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the American Association of Workers for the Blind, Inc., meeting this 21st day of July, 1971, in Richmond, Virginia, go on record as supporting the above and making these recommendations known to the appropriate authority within the U.S. Postal Service.

Resolution 4

WHEREAS, There has been an absence of specialized training for professionals involved in Business Enterprise Programs for the Blind; and

WHEREAS, There is evidence of the need for specialized training in this field of work for the blind; and

WHEREAS, The changing economy requires

that new approaches and methods be used with constant updating if blind and visually handicapped individuals are to compete in the business world; and

WHEREAS, Business Enterprises have long been a sound employment opportunity for blind and visually handicapped individuals and must continue to provide this opportunity;

BE IT RESOLVED, That AAWB, meeting in Richmond, Virginia, on July 21, 1971, supports the efforts of those involved in Business Enterprise Programs to secure Federal training funds for this purpose; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the appropriate Federal officials.

Resolution 5

WHEREAS, The 1971 National Meeting of the American Association of Workers for the Blind in Richmond, Virginia, is drawing to a close; and

WHEREAS, We, the membership, have enjoyed the outstanding hospitality of the people of Richmond and the Old Dominion; and

WHEREAS, We would like to express our sincere appreciation to all who have worked to make this an enjoyable, enlightening and productive meeting:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, That the National Office express its appreciation to the Host Committee for a job well done and ask that appropriate expressions of appreciation be sent to all the organizations, volunteers, and agencies whose cooperative efforts produced such a successful conference.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. Autry, Jr., *Chairman*

Joseph Kohn

L. A. McClintock

Wesley D. Sprague

McAllister C. Upshaw

REPORT OF THE WORLD COUNCIL FOR THE WELFARE OF THE BLIND

M. Robert Barnett, Chairman, United States Delegation

This afternoon it is my intention to follow the practice of the past several years of simply updating the record with regard to the representation of the United States in the membership structure of the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind. I am fully aware that there may be some among you at this AAWB convention who would like to know a great deal more about the WCWB organization itself, its history, objectives and accomplishments; if so, please drop me a line or write to its President, Mr. Charles Hedkvist of Stockholm, Sweden, or to the Secretary-General, Mrs. Marcelle Cowburn at the World Council's headquarters in Paris, France.

As most of you do know, the World Council meets in General Assembly every five years. Its last General Assembly was in October, 1969 at New Delhi, India. For some months prior to that Assembly, a number of us got together in an attempt to make our U.S. delegation more representative of our organizations *for* and *of* the blind. These conversations resulted in a delegation (under the WCWB constitution we were entitled to six delegates by virtue of our population level) of the following persons and the organizations who had the privilege of naming them:

"American Association of Workers for the Blind"—Mr. Howard Hanson of South Dakota; "Association for Education of the Visually Handicapped"—Mr. Carl Davis of Massachusetts; "National Federation of the Blind"—Mr. Russell Kletzing of California; "American Council of the Blind"—Judge Reese Robbrahn of Kansas; "Blinded Veterans Association"—Mr. James Hyde of Washington, D.C.; "American Foundation for the Blind"—Mr. M. Robert Barnett of New York City.

Actually, Mr. Louis H. Rives had been the AAWB designee, but circumstances were such that he could not make the trip and your AAWB leadership agreed to the substitution of Mr. Hanson, who actually *did participate* at the New Delhi Assembly. Mr. Hyde was also unable to attend, and I carried his proxy. Since that meeting, Mr. Russell Kletzing's

seat on the delegation has been yielded to Mr. Kenneth Jernigan at the request of the National Federation of the Blind.

The overall management of the World Council's affairs is largely carried out through an Executive Committee. Under the Constitution, the Executive Committee is made up through allocation of specific numbers of seats to the various regions of the world. For Executive Committee purposes, North America is considered a region, entitled to a total of five seats. Our regional caucus resulted in the nomination and subsequent election to the Executive Committee of the following persons:

Mr. Arthur N. Magill of Canada; Mrs. Elisa M. de Stahl of Guatemala; and Messrs. Hanson, Robbrahn and Barnett of the U.S.A.

At the New Delhi assembly, the presidential term of Mr. Eric T. Boulter came to an end, and he was succeeded by Mr. Charles Hedkvist of Sweden, mentioned earlier in this report. Mr. John Colligan of the Royal National Institute for the Blind, London, is Treasurer. The undersigned was elected one of several vice-presidents, in this case Vice-President for North, Central and South America.

The newly elected Executive Committee, it has been decided, will meet in Moscow, U.S.S.R. in the spring of 1972. Among other things at that time, a decision will be reached as to the date and place of the next General Assembly, which should occur some time in 1974. If anyone not on the delegation is interested in more details about these meetings and might consider attendance, please let me know and I will try to be helpful.

With regard to the New Delhi conference itself, I would say that it was historically notable in two essential ways. First, even though the setting was in a part of the world considered these days to be "under-developed", the professional content of the assembly was in no way modified, and all participants had the opportunity to hear papers in all facets of our field of work for the blind of exceptionally high quality, and especially thorough with re-

gard to the impact of modern science and technology. The second point of particular interest was that it was the first time a delegation from the Soviet Union and certain other Communist countries participated. Regardless of what else we might think about our differing political philosophies, or our approach

to social problems, everyone is in agreement that on behalf of the world's blind persons it is indeed a good thing that we can meet together and exchange ideas for mutual national advantage.

Respectfully submitted,
M. Robert Barnett, *Chairman*

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

1971 AAWB MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Vincent J. Iacurto, National Membership Chairman
District Manager, Bureau of the Visually and Physically Handicapped
Altoona, Pennsylvania

The American Association of Workers for the Blind has had truly a great year in the membership area. We have broken all membership records to date and have achieved the highest membership in the history of our organization.

Our success has been primarily due to the development of state chapters and regions. Mr. Robert Whitstock is due a lot of credit for his untiring efforts and canvassing of the entire country to promote and assist state members in the formulating of new chapters.

We now have 28 chapters. Our leadership under Dr. MacFarland has been strong and active in the membership area. However, the major portion of the credit for such an outstanding membership year goes to the chapter and non-chapter membership chairmen and their committees, who are the real workers and go-getters in the soliciting of memberships.

At the last national meeting, the membership stood at just over 2,000 individual members, which represented a very substantial growth over the previous year.

As of this date,* we have 2,801 individual members. Agency memberships total 151.

Many professional organizations such as ours have found it very difficult to maintain their previous year's membership total, due to the current economic recession. In spite of this, we have been able to maintain and increase our membership. This is a great achievement, especially after reading of the lament of the American Medical Association regarding their loss in membership.

At this time, I would like to give you in numerical order the individual membership standings of the chapter and non-chapter units. However, the following figures are by no means final.

Chapter Memberships

Pennsylvania-Delaware	236
Ohio	176
New York	164
Florida	141
Tennessee	141
Texas	120
Virginia	117
New England	114
Michigan	112
D.C.-Maryland	97
Illinois	90
Georgia	80

* As corrected for press date.

Southern California	80	Kentucky	10
Oklahoma	78	Kansas	6
Alabama	71	West Virginia	6
Mississippi	71	Wisconsin	6
New Jersey	71	Iowa	4
Missouri	68	Hawaii	4
Arkansas	67	Mexico	1
Northwest Chapter	61	Netherlands	1
Northern California	58	Nevada	1
Rocky Mountain	58	New Mexico	0
Louisiana	57	Guam	0
North Carolina	55		
South Carolina	52		
Great Plains Chapter	51		
Minnesota	21		
Arizona	10		

**Individual Membership Totals
of the Non-Chapter Units**

Canada	82
Indiana	10

I want to express my deep appreciation to all of you who have assisted in the massive endeavor to maintain and increase memberships during the current membership year. I would also like to express my appreciation to the National Office staff, and especially to our Executive Director, Mr. John Naler, who has provided us with the excellent administrative and secretarial services which are so vital to a successful membership campaign.

PRESENTATION OF THE ALFRED ALLEN AWARD

To

O. F. WISE

Director (retired), Rehabilitation and Crippled Children
Alabama Department of Education, Montgomery, Alabama

By

Louis H. Rives, Jr., Director

Health and Social Services Division, Office of Civil Rights
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington, D.C.

Ladies and Gentlemen, It is a distinct pleasure for me to have the chance today to present the Alfred Allen Award. I am doubly happy because the recipient of the award, whom I have known for all those years back

to 1943, asked me to do this. And, while I know it is an honor for him to receive the award, it is just as much of an honor for me to present it.

The Alfred Allen Award is one of the

major awards of AAWB. It is predicated on service to blind people. And I understand that the wife of the gentleman for whom the award is named and in whose honor it was established by the Association is here. (Applause for Margaret Allen). Every time we present this award we honor Alfred Allen and we are delighted to have you here to honor today too, Margaret, because you were such an important part of his life and his contribution.

The Allen Award is one that stands for service. The recipient today probably could have been selected to receive any award that AAWB bestows because, not only has he been important in service to blind people, but he has been important in administration — he has held almost every post and received every honor that a grateful nation, through its programs for disabled people, can bestow. He has been President of the National Rehabilitation Association, he has been President of the States Council, he was the first person representing a general agency to be President of the Council of Executives of State Agencies for the Blind. He has been academically honored — he just recently received a Doctorate degree from his alma mater, Auburn.

There is not much more you can say about a man like that. The thing that I want to talk about is this: that throughout the years that he has devoted to rehabilitation, and those years go back to 1927, and even before that the recipient of this award taught in an Indian school because nobody else would teach the Indians — this was when he took a year off to work in the shipyards and came back in November and school did not start until the next Spring and they had to have a teacher for the Indian school and Freddy rode horseback three miles each way every day to teach the Indian children. At that time and from then on, he has always had compassion and interest in people who are disadvantaged.

In 1927 he went with the Alabama rehabilitation program. He immediately began to be concerned about blind people. I have heard Freddy tell about the time that he went to the school for the blind and he saw all the little children with their heads pointed up singing a hymn and he said he wondered what

those eyes that could not see, but were looking straight up, could see in their future. And he said, "I cried and I decided to help make them a future."

And from then on that is what he has done.

In everything that has been undertaken, Freddy Wise has used his administrative capacity and his ability to get things done to serve people. The establishment of what is now one of the great rehabilitation centers for the blind in this country at Talladega is a tribute to him.

Freddy has a philosophy that goes about like this: figure out what you need to do, do it, and then see if the Federal Government will pay for it — and somehow it always works out.

In my years with the Vocational Rehabilitation Program I know of no state that has had more financial exceptions noted than Alabama, and I know of no state that has paid fewer of them off — because always it was figured out that it was for the good of the people, and if you can figure that out, then you are going to get an exemption.

Freddy has brought a compassion, an understanding, a desire to get things done, and each time that an action has been taken, it has been taken because it helps people. Helping people has been his job, and he has been able to translate that into accomplishment of one of the great programs of our nation. Freddy, I have known you for so long and been so close to you that I guess I tend to get a little bit sentimental. But in every session at every time we have been together and every meeting that has been organized, you looked out for the welfare of all the disabled people of Alabama, but right close behind that was a little special thing for those who are blind. In the meetings and the sessions that we have organized you have always been there to make sure that blindness, and those who serve the blind, and the blind people themselves, were represented.

And so, Freddy, on behalf of the American Association of Workers for the Blind, with sincere personal affection, with deep appreciation for what you have done, and with lasting admiration for your accomplishment and recognition of your contribution, we present to you the Alfred Allen Award for distinguished service in work for the blind.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WORKERS FOR THE BLIND, INC.

Presents to

O. F. WISE

THE ALFRED ALLEN MEMORIAL AWARD

In Appreciation of Outstanding Service to Blind Persons

Presented this 21st Day of July, 1971

In the City of Richmond, Virginia

ACCEPTANCE OF THE ALFRED ALLEN AWARD

O. F. Wise

Lou, I did not know whether I was to say anything or not until I looked at the program and saw that it included a "response."

I want to stay at the outset of my remarks that I particularly appreciate Mr. Rives taking the time and effort to come to Richmond for this presentation. He has been one of my favorites since we sat together struggling over the regulations to implement the 1954 amendments to the Vocational Rehabilitation Act. Because of the interpretation I got from him and others, we went on and did some things even though the specifics of what was authorized were not always entirely clear. But he helped me to interpret the law without it being written down, and I just figured that he and I knew as much about the law as anybody else, including the bureaucrats in Washington.

Shortly after I became a member of AAWB some years ago, I met Alfred Allen. I was not sure just what his importance to the organization was, but it did not take me long to realize that he was "Mr. AAWB" — he was the one that I decided was holding things together. I learned to admire and respect him, and I am particularly pleased that I have been

given the award named for him.

About four years ago John Parsons of my staff came around with a story that AAWB was trying to increase individual memberships by forming state Chapters. So I said, "Let's have one — let's have a Chapter." Even before that, when I heard people say that AAWB was in trouble and wanted to know what could be done, I guess I was one of many who suggested dues from agencies. I recognized that Alabama could pay for an agency membership and could do so legally. So, you see, Lou, there are some things I wanted to do legally. Seriously, I do hope that the agency memberships and Chapters have been a real benefit to AAWB in carrying on its fine work.

It is always good to see all of you. It is great to be here, and I am highly appreciative of the honor you have bestowed on me. You know I retired June 30, and the only thing that I can talk about with any authority now is the concern of a private citizen for continued impetus for programs for rehabilitating all of the handicapped — and especially the blind.

Thank you all very much.

PRESENTATION OF THE JOHN H. MCAULAY AWARD

To

HAROLD RICHTERMAN

Director of Rehabilitation Services, National Industries for the Blind
New York, New York

By

J. Arthur Johnson

Executive Director, Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind, Washington, D.C.

If your feelings were hurt because you're a friend of Harold Richterman's, but you weren't selected to present the McAulay Award to him, I'm sure the pain will be eased when I tell you about the criteria used.

I really was honored when Rick asked me to do this pleasant task — that is, until he told me that I was the choice solely because I am the oldest living person in work for the blind.

When he finished telling me about the research involved, and some of the findings, I felt so old and decrepit, I suggested that he establish an award in his name, to be called "*Harold's Halo*" — (happily handed to half dead hacks who have had it), and based on my qualifications as determined by his research, I should be the first recipient.

Seriously, I am honored to be presenting the McAulay Award, and to be serving as a bridge between two great men and two eras in work for the blind.

The man for whom the Award is named made a brilliant and lasting contribution to this field by blazing new trails leading to placement of countless additional blind persons, not only in then existing occupations but, more importantly, in occupations in which even blind persons themselves did not realize they could function successfully.

The tangible results of John's efforts could be seen because the number of blind persons placed, and the broader variety of occupations in which they were placed, could be counted.

The intangible aspects of his efforts may well be equally or even more significant, even though they can't be measured precisely. His personality, his philosophy and his accomplishments have had a profound and positive influence upon many people who have followed him, including Harold Richterman, and every previous recipient of the McAulay Award, as well as many other people in the field.

It may, at first glance, seem strange that Rick has been chosen as a recipient of this Award, since his brilliant record is identified with the broad aspects of rehabilitation services rather than placement as a specialty.

It really isn't strange — it's just one further bit of evidence that his thinking put him ahead of most of us. He long ago recognized the need for sound programs of services aimed at developing the employment potential and the degree of independence of every blind person to the maximum possible level. Without these, the doors opened by John McAulay and those who followed him could well be slammed in our faces once again, because we'd very quickly run out of blind persons who are ready to go to work.

Rick's outstanding performance at IHB, over the many years he was there, and in the years since he joined the staff of NIB, is a reflection of how he operates — never at less than full speed ahead. The same is true of his countless assignments in Board and Committee work with AAWB, as an active member and officer of the New York State Federa-

tion, as a COMSTAC Committee Member, as a Government-assigned consultant to Israel, and in numerous other outside activities.

Because he does move at full throttle, he sometimes becomes impatient with some of us who don't, and he never at any time has been known to be unable to find words to express his impatience. Neither has he ever been unwilling to stand up to be counted when he

has a conviction regarding an issue involving the well-being of blind persons.

Would that more of us had his courage of conviction. The world could use a lot more people who will speak out as he does when he feels he should.

Add these things together, and it is perfectly clear that their total equals the McAulay Award, which I'm proud to present to Harold Richterman.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WORKERS FOR THE BLIND, INC.

Presents the

JOHN H. MCAULAY AWARD

to

HAROLD RICHTERMAN

For Outstanding
Achievement in the Placement
of
Blind Persons

1971

ACCEPTANCE OF THE JOHN H. MCAULAY AWARD

Harold Richterman

Thank you Art, Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is with a good deal of humility that I accept the honor accorded me here today. I say this because I am the tool of the efforts of so many people who helped me, taught me, trained me, had patience with me and at times I'm sure would have liked to kill me. Hiram Chappell, Art Voorhees, Joe Clunk, George Keane and Peter J. Salmon are but a few of the people who allowed me to drain them

whenever possible of any information I could regarding service to blind persons. However, there is one person above all who should be recognized at this time. A man of whom probably half or more of you have never heard. A person who has spent his entire career in the service of rehabilitating blind persons into remunerative employment and under whom I studied for 21 years at the Industrial Home for the Blind and to whom I still look for guidance and encouragement. Whether you

think it is good or bad I would not be standing here talking with you today if it were not for this one person above all who shaped my career and my destiny. I know of nothing that I may have accomplished in our field of service to blind persons that could have been accomplished without his support. I refer to the person who is now Associate Director of the National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults, Harry J. Spar, and I take this opportunity to say a simple "thank you" Harry.

I am pleased that AAWB has seen fit to honor not only me but National Industries for the Blind as well. National Industries for the Blind is driving and will continue to drive towards one of its main goals, the employment of the multi-handicapped blind person in workshops associated with NIB. The program of certification by the General Council of Workshops for the Blind, now an accepted fact of life by the associated workshops, has acted as a stimulus for evaluation and upgrading of workshop programs to provide for the employment of limited blind persons. While placements into competitive employment from NIB associated workshops have remained fairly constant over the past two years, this is due in large part to the workshops accepting more and more severely limited blind persons into employment for whom competitive employment cannot be an immediate or foreseeable goal in the near future. More and more NIB associated workshops are developing, separate and apart from the workshop, work evaluation and work adjustment training programs, without dependence on workshop raw materials or workshop delivery schedules, in order that the main focus can be where it belongs — on the blind person being served! Such a program can only lead to competitive placements where the blind person can be

placed in accordance with his best useable skills, but, just as important, an increase in the placement, not only in the special workshop, but competitively as well, of multi-handicapped blind persons, who, through adequate work evaluation and work adjustment training, may have an opportunity to strengthen those specific work abilities where any handicaps in addition to blindness may play a relatively unimportant role.

Certainly the placement of limited blind persons into the special workshop or even the Work Activity Center, assuming fair piece rates, support on the job, and all those other services needed to sustain limited blind persons at their own highest level of work ability, can mean only that we are serving that blind person for whom heretofore such training and placement services were not available. Let us all redouble our efforts, not alone in placing the competent blind person but, more importantly, let us strive for the placement of the most neglected segment of the blind population, the multi-handicapped blind.

For years at NIB it was said, "What is good for the workshops is good for NIB". At our last national meeting in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, it was Noel Price who said, "What is good for the blind person is good for the workshop is good for NIB."

This then is our challenge! Employment service to the most limited! Service with respect, dignity, objectivity, but, above all, the best service we can possibly provide.

Again my thanks to so many of you who made this award possible, which I accept in the name of multi-handicapped blind persons everywhere who are waiting for us and looking to us for the respect and dignity which comes from employment at the highest possible level of employability for each one of them.

AWARD BANQUET

PRESENTATION OF THE AMBROSE M. SHOTWELL MEMORIAL MEDAL AND SCROLL

To

ARTHUR N. MAGILL

Managing Director, Canadian National Institute for the Blind
Toronto, Ontario

PRESENTATION OF THE MEDAL

By

George Werntz, Jr.

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PRESIDENT MACFARLAND, REVEREND CLERGY, MR. AND MRS. GEORGE THOMPSON, MR. AND MRS. JOHN MAGILL, MR. AND MRS. BRUCE CATHCART AND OTHER DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, FELLOW-MEMBERS OF AAWB, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

In June of 1951, just a little over 20 years ago, Elizabeth Hutchinson, now Vice-President-Emeritus of The Seeing Eye, took me by the hand and led me to the *true* fountain of youth, the source of all knowledge and good fellowship. At that point in time all these healing fluids spouted in Daytona Beach, Florida, at the Sheraton-Plaza Hotel, the site of the 1951 Convention of AAWB (then an annual affair). I was new in the field, bewildered and a little shy, but I gained a great deal from it and was inspired that night when Helen Keller accepted the Shotwell Award, just as I have been

by other AAWB conventions and Shotwell dinners in the passing years.

In my first year with Seeing Eye it was decided only at the last moment to expose me to the rigors of an AAWB Convention, so that when I tried to reserve a room at the Sheraton, every space was taken. But they referred me to a small guest house not far away (and with much more reasonable rates). I soon found myself the only guest, waited on hand and foot by a most hospitable southern staff and urged to use, as my very own, a spacious veranda overlooking the blue Atlantic. It made a wonderful place to entertain and to get acquainted for the first time with fellow-workers from all parts of the country. One of the very first people to set foot on my porch was the man we honor tonight — a man conspicuous tonight by his most *regrettable* but *unavoidable*

absence — Arthur Magill. To make it an even more memorable occasion, Art brought along his charming wife, Isobel. We have been good friends ever since, and I count it a signal honor tonight to stand, as it were, astride the 3000-or-more-mile border, unfortified on either side for more than one hundred years, and which separates, in geographic terms only, our two great countries — Canada and the United States — to pay tribute to a *great Canadian* and a *great humanitarian*.

1910 was a good year. It was the year Sir Arthur Baden-Powell inspired the founding of the Boy Scouts of America. Glenn Curtis won a \$10,000 prize for a flight from Albany to New York City, a distance of 137 miles in 152 minutes. And Arthur Magill and I were born! Arthur first saw the light of day in Cobourg, Ontario; and I use the term "saw" literally, for he did not lose his sight until age 17. He attended public schools in Saskatchewan and later, the Ontario School for the Blind. He received his B.A. degree and in 1935 his Master's degree from Michigan State University in Economics and Business Administration. His thesis was titled "Economic Treatment of Blind Persons in the United States." We surmise that Art was not encouraged by his findings, for he beat a hasty retreat to Canada and took a job with CNIB as district field secretary in Windsor, Ontario. From the outset he demonstrated outstanding administrative skills and leadership in extending direct services to blind persons in his district. He also exhibited an interest, which has never waned, in the *equally humanitarian* work of preserving vision and preventing blindness.

By 1945, Mr. Magill had already come under the scrutiny of the then CNIB Managing Director, the late Colonel Edwin A. Baker, whose name is still revered by all of us more senior members of this Association. Art Magill was appointed supervisor of field services for all of Ontario Province, with an area of 413,000 square miles, roughly equal to the combined area of the states of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and (believe it or not, Burt Risley) you can throw in TEXAS, too! In this position he was responsible for representing Ontario's 15 field offices. Five years later, in 1950, he be-

came overall Superintendent of the Ontario Division of CNIB, a position held today by Mr. Ross Purse.

In 1962, on the retirement of Colonel Baker, one of the founders of the CNIB, Mr. Magill was named his successor in the management directorship, a job for which he had been carefully prepared by the Colonel. In this post he assumed responsibility for rendering the most comprehensive variety of services to 27,000 blind and visually handicapped Canadians out of a total population of 21 million from many ethnic and national roots. This population, including the blind, is spread throughout a vast land mass that stretches from the U.S. border north to the Arctic Circle, and from the Atlantic to the Pacific, nearly 4 million square miles. We hear a great deal in the United States — we have heard here in sessions of this convention — a great deal about the delivery of health and welfare services by hundreds of agencies and thousands of professional and para-professional workers. But the variety and quality of services efficiently delivered on so hemispheric a scale by this single unified organization, CNIB, with a staff of 1500 highly competent people working out of more than 50 offices and 21 general service centers, is to me thrilling even to contemplate! This growth in size and efficiency has been achieved in 53 years, during which time it has had just three directors — Charles W. Holmes, Edwin A. Baker and the man we honor tonight, Arthur Napier Magill. Such unity, efficient delivery of services, continuity and excellence in administration, bespeak the high quality of these leaders and the great national team they have gathered together. Both Holmes and Baker, like Arthur Magill, were Life Members and served as Presidents of the AAWB. Both were also recipients of the Shotwell Award — Holmes in 1939 and Baker in 1952, the only Canadians so honored up till now. (Even though he served with CNIB for a number of years, we cannot count the 1949 Shotwell Award recipient, our much beloved and 100 percent American with that final-sounding name Joe Clunk!)

Some of us may think the United States is the sole beneficiary of emigrants from other nations, but one needs only to visit a few days in any large Canadian city to realize how many

wise Europeans, Asians and Africans have found their way farther North. Many students and budding rehabilitation experts from other nations flock to CNIB for informative sessions on how (and to quote CNIB's stated objectives) "to ameliorate the condition of the blind and to prevent blindness." The CNIB also sends its experts overseas to lend counsel in dozens of far-away places. In 1953, for example, Arthur Magill himself spent a year in Egypt under the auspices of the United Nations Technical Assistance Administration as director of a pilot project for setting up an education and rehabilitation center for the Middle East. He returned to Cairo in 1955 for a second phase of the project, and in 1957 he spent some weeks in Beirut, again under UN auspices, to make a survey of facilities for blind people in Lebanon.

As a Life Member of AAWB, Art Magill has been a staunch supporter of this organization, and before becoming its President in 19 AND 67 (as Colonel Watts used to say) served as Chairman of the National Executives' Interest Group, as a Director, Executive Committee member, as well as a member of the Editorial Board and Awards Committee. He has played an equally prominent role in the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind, of which his old friend and mentor Colonel Baker was the first President. He has served on the WCWB Employment Committee, as chairman of the Program Committee for the 1969 General Assembly in India. And he is presently a member of the Executive Committee and the Committee on Inter-American affairs. In all of these assignments he has consistently exhibited the gentlemanly tact and dignity, the firm but quiet insistence on the same highest standards, that have been reflected in his own personal life.

We could list innumerable other accomplishments and affiliations of our respected colleague — in community affairs and other health and welfare activities of varied scope in Ontario and throughout Canada. From such references as we have already made, however, you have gained an insight into the extent to which this good man, Arthur Magill, has given of himself, and which is undoubtedly the reason why he is unable to be with us in person tonight to enjoy and savor fully, in spite

of his natural humility and modesty, this memorable occasion and high honor. Having received a timely warning from his generous but often over-worked heart, he is at home tonight under doctor's orders, receiving the loving ministrations of that gracious lady, Isobel Hobbs Magill, whose presence here tonight we also greatly miss. I should say at this time, however, how delighted we are to have Art and Isobel's son John and daughter Judy and their spouses Mary and Bruce with us tonight. According to latest reports, Art is making excellent progress, and only last week I received an excellent letter from him on official business, quite likely, I hope, dictated from his couch at home.

In Art's most regrettable but unavoidable absence, it is my pleasure and privilege to call at this time upon his son, John Magill, an attorney from Toronto, to accept for his father, *in absentia*, the highest honor this Association can bestow. John, will you please rise:

In recognition of our admiration and respect for his 36 years of leadership on Provincial, National and International scale; for his outstanding services to blind men and women wherever he has found them; for his ability, inherited in part from his predecessor, to enlist co-workers of the highest quality (personally and professionally); and above all for his manly self-effacing character and his remarkable endowment of love and reason; and (to borrow the words of one of his esteemed colleagues) his ability to be an effective part of a "reasoned and loving creation"; for all these things that have made him so dear to us, I hereby commission you, John Magill, to receive and transmit forthwith to your father, Arthur Napier Magill, this 1971 Ambrose J. Shotwell Medal (the 30th to be awarded since its inception), with all the rights, privileges and responsibilities appertaining thereto; and, we pray you, let it be known it is accompanied by the fervent wish of everyone in this audience that he will be hale, hearty and abroad in the land again soon. We hereby admit him to the "Order of the Faithful" and congratulate all members of the Magill and CNIB family. For Art Magill and — "O, Canada" — we stand *not* "on guard for Thee," but in *tribute* to Thee! Will everyone please rise — Thank you!

PRESENTATION OF THE SCROLL

By

W. E. MILTON

National Director, Vocational Guidance and Training
Canadian National Institute for the Blind
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

To be chosen by one's colleagues as meriting the highest recognition they can bestow is a distinction which comes only to a select few who, by the significance of the contributions they have made in their fields, have demonstrated their worthiness for such an honour. Arthur Napier Magill is such a one. We are keenly disappointed, as he is, that he is prevented from being with us on this important occasion in his distinguished career, but I want to thank the Awards Committee for its thoughtful and perceptive evaluation of his qualifications for the Shotwell Award, and for its decisions to name him as the 1971 recipient of it.

It is a particular personal privilege and pleasure for me to participate in this presentation ceremony this evening. My own association with Arthur Magill goes back some 34 years, almost to 1935, which was the year in which he became identified with the Canadian National Institute for the Blind as a member of its staff. We were then co-workers in Ontario at the local level in district administration and direct service work. Later, we were colleagues in Divisional administration in different provinces of Canada and, since 1962, when he became Managing Director of CNIB, succeeding the late Col. E. Baker as the executive head of our one nation-wide service agency for the blind in Canada, Mr. Magill has been my Chief.

Throughout this long association, I have known Arthur Magill as a man of great personal integrity, of high service and business ethics and principles, and of deep concern for the dignity and well being of individuals. I have known him, too, as a friend and as a for-

ward-looking and dedicated leader in work for the blind and prevention of blindness.

It is, therefore, a special honour for me to represent the CNIB, its President and National Council, its volunteers and staff from coast to coast, as well as the blind people of Canada, in paying tribute to Arthur Magill tonight. His personal dignity and his wise and effective leadership have earned him the respect, the admiration and the esteem, not only of his own organisation, but of his community and his nation at large, of the various levels of Government in Canada, and of the other Health, Welfare and Rehabilitation agencies with which he has been and is associated.

But, as you already know, his interest and his concern for blind people and for those threatened with blindness have not been confined to his own country. He has been active internationally through this Association as its President in 1967-68 and in other ways, through the United Nations, and through the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind. He has given leadership also to putting the facilities and resources of the CNIB to work, to assist in training workers for the blind from other countries as an aid to the development of more effective programmes of service around the world.

All of us who know Arthur Magill as a leader, as a colleague and as a friend, are proud to see him join that distinguished group of people who have honoured the memory of Ambrose M. Shotwell by the quality and scope of their achievements in their work with and for blind people, the work to which he gave so generously of himself and of his talents.

To Arthur Napier Magill, then, through his son, John Napier Magill, who is representing him here tonight, it is my great privilege and

pleasure, on behalf of the AAWB, to present this Scroll whose inscription reads:

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WORKERS FOR THE BLIND

presents this

AMBROSE M. SHOTWELL MEMORIAL AWARD

to

ARTHUR NAPIER MAGILL

IN GRATEFUL RECOGNITION OF A LIFETIME DEVOTED TO THE PREVENTION AND AMELIORATION OF BLINDNESS AND THE REHABILITATION OF BLIND PERSONS, IN HIS NATIVE CANADA AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. HIS QUIET BUT DETERMINED LEADERSHIP WILL SERVE AS A BENCHMARK FOR THE HIGHEST QUALITY OF ACHIEVEMENT IN OUR FIELD.

Done at the 1971 National Meeting
Richmond, Virginia, July 20, 1971.

Douglas C. MacFarland
President

Louis H. Rives, Jr.
Chairman, Awards Committee

John L. Naler
Executive Director

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AMBROSE M. SHOTWELL
MEMORIAL MEDAL AND SCROLL

Arthur N. Magill

Mr. President, honoured guests, and my fellow members of the American Association of Workers for the Blind:

I want to express my deep appreciation to you for selecting me as the recipient of the 1971 Ambrose M. Shotwell Memorial Award. I also wish to express my keen disappointment at not being present on this occasion to

thank you in person for the honour you are bestowing on me tonight.

This disappointment is tolerable only because my son and daughter are here to represent me. I am particularly proud to have my son John accept this award on my behalf and express to you my thanks.

I am conscious that the Shotwell Award is

the highest honour our organization can bestow, and it has been my good fortune to have been present for almost all thirty of these awards since the first presentation in 1939. I am also aware that the award carries with it other honours, such as the association of one's name with those of the great leaders in the history of work for the blind. The award also brings honour to the family of the recipient and, in my case, many members share with me in this honour. My mother, sister and brothers gave me strength, encouragement and inspiration in my early years of blindness. For the last thirty-two years my wife, Isobel, whom many of you know, and my children John and Judy, have made it possible for me to have a very happy, satisfying life and have aided me in my various activities as a blind person. I am aware that the award carries with it recognition of the organization which I have the honour to represent, the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

During my life I have lived in countries where the people and the customs were different from ours. At the conference table it has been my privilege to meet outstanding people from many countries, and I have found the sincerity of these men and women to have a tremendous influence on me, dedicated as they are to improvement of the status and well-being of blind people throughout the world. Because of this common cause, these people have a strong link with all who serve the blind of North America and, jointly with us, owe a great debt of gratitude to two indomitable pioneers of the 19th Century, Louis Braille and Ambrose Shorwell. When you study the lives of these men, besides finding many differences, you also discover a number of objectives they held in common. Braille lived in France, Shorwell in the United States. Braille died in 1852, the year before Shorwell was born. Yet both men were dedicated to helping those who had lost their sight. It was almost as if Shorwell took up the struggle where Braille left off. It was not enough for Braille to invent the system of reading and writing that bears his name. He also had to convince his countrymen that blind persons could be educated even if on a very elementary level. When Shorwell came on the scene, he had to convince his countrymen that blind persons

had skill and ability and were capable of high school and university studies. It was not easy. So ingrained was the idea of the helplessness of the handicapped in the preceding century that Shorwell found almost as much defeat and discouragement as Braille had found. However, his voice was heard with a little less scepticism. After all, there was the Braille system and blind people were using it effectively. Shorwell led the movement for the establishment of the Michigan School for the Blind and, at one time, worked there as a Braille stereotyper. Although it is a coincidence that I myself attended the same school, it is no coincidence that I am a firm believer in the need for blind persons to be trained and educated, a need which Ambrose Shorwell recognized and preached at every opportunity.

It was this same spirit that brought him to the setting up of this very organization, the American Association of Workers for the Blind. The aim of the first blind members of the organization, then known as the American Blind Peoples Higher Improvement Association, was to obtain a college education. To the public of the 1970s there is nothing unusual about a blind person earning a college degree and even doing post graduate work. However, to the public of 1902, a blind university student was a rare phenomenon, indeed, and the group they formed was considered radical. Shorwell himself was labelled a radical and, since Louis Braille held similar ideas, he, during his lifetime, also would have been considered a radical. Both believed in the capability, dignity and independence of blind people.

Shorwell felt that capable blind persons had a responsibility to participate and provide leadership in the development of organizations working for the blind. The organization he helped pioneer, our AAWB, attests to the success of this view. A teacher himself, Shorwell believed that young blind people, once educated, were capable of filling positions of high responsibility. If he could return today, he would see that his once radical dreams have become reality. Over the last decade the leading universities of North America have educated thousands of blind students who have graduated, received their degrees and successfully entered many professional fields. In

addition, very large numbers of blind people have taken advantage of technical training and are successfully employed. Today the whole horizon of employment opportunities has broadened for blind people. In Shotwell's time we had the horse and buggy and the newly invented Braille system. Today we have the jet plane and the visual prosthesis. By comparison with 50 years ago, we live in a miracle age that our predecessors could scarcely imagine. And yet our services for the blind are taken for granted—taken for granted not only by our blind clients, but by the public whose generosity has made these very services possible.

Although very much has been accomplished during the past fifty years, today no one can afford to rest on his laurels. Institutions on all levels are being challenged. We in Canada feel that this is constructive, and we who are involved in work for the blind should constantly be reassessing our program and asking ourselves:

Are we providing the services that are relevant to the needs of blind people today?

Are we listening to what blind people are saying, and do they have opportunity to participate in the formation of programs to meet their needs?

Are we using our available resources to the full, such as our staff, our agencies, volunteers and, particularly, the blind people themselves?

It is important, also, to ask ourselves if our institutions have become so business-oriented that the main interest of our staff members is with the organization itself, rather than serving the individual blind person, for he is still the only reason for the existence of our organizations.

I am confident that the future holds great promise for blind people if we all take full advantage of the multitude of aids, resources and services that are available.

May we continue to move forward to put tomorrow's promise within reach of all!

OFFICERS OF INTEREST GROUPS

1969-1971 — 1971-1973

GROUP 1

Administrative and Executives of Public and Voluntary Agencies
serving blind persons at national, state and local levels,
and Board Members of governing bodies

Officers for 1969-1971

Chairman—Lloyd A. McClintock
Program Representative—Roy G. Plummer
Secretary—None

Officers for 1971-1973

Chairman—Lloyd A. McClintock
Chairman-elect—William T. Coppage
Secretary—None

GROUP 2

Rehabilitation and Employment Services

Officers for 1969-1971

Chairman—Joseph H. Wiggins
Program Representative—Allen T. Sykes
Secretary—Thomas W. Dickey

Officers for 1971-1973

Chairman—Allen T. Sykes
Chairman-elect—Ralph Bishop
Secretary—Hugh C. Russel

GROUP 3

Rehabilitation Teaching and Social Case Services

Officers for 1969-1971

Chairman—Alvin Roberts
Program Representative—Frances Crawford
Secretary—Mrs. Donna Nixon

Officers for 1971-1973

Chairman—Frances Crawford
Chairman-elect—Frederick Vieni
Secretary—Vera J. McClain

GROUP 4**Educational Services***Officers for 1969-1971*

Acting Chairman—Loretta A. Donatelli
(No elections held)

Officers for 1971-1973

Chairman—Dr. Saul Freedman
Chairman elect—Neil Freeling
Secretary—Sister Bernadette Wynne

GROUP 5**Literary and Library Services***Officers for 1969-1971*

Chairman—Arthur S. Keller
Program Representative—E. G. Brown
Secretary—Mrs. Maxine B. Dorf

Officers for 1971-1973

Chairman—Myrtle Garris
Chairman-elect—Martin F. Droege
Secretary—Virgil E. Zickel

GROUP 6**Group Services—Recreation, Day Centers, Residences***Officers for 1969-1971*

Chairman—Walter B. Boninger
Program Representative—Marion Held
Secretary—Mrs. Charlene Strand

Officers for 1971-1973

Chairman—Mrs. Mildred Stern
Chairman-elect—None
Secretary—Dr. Fred L. Crawford

GROUP 7

Music and Piano Technology

Officers for 1969-1971

(No elections held)

Officers for 1971-1973

(No elections held)

GROUP 8

Public Relations

Officers for 1969-1971

Chairman—Paul C. O'Neill

Program Representative—Robert M. Boston

Secretary—Mrs. Kathryn Charles

Officers for 1971-1973

Chairman—Paul C. O'Neill

Chairman-elect—Mrs. Patricia S. Smith

Secretary—Robert M. Boston

GROUP 9

Orientation and Mobility

Officers for 1969-1971

Chairman—Robert H. Whitstock

Program Representative—Bruce B. Blasch

Secretary—Robert A. Eisenberg

Officers for 1971-1973

Chairman—Robert J. Crouse

Chairman-elect—Bruce B. Blasch

Secretary—Francis D. Ryan

GROUP 10

Business Enterprises

Officers for 1969-1971

Chairman—Ronald F. White

Program Representative—None

Secretary—Michael A. Gallagher

Officers for 1971-1973

Chairman—Harry Cotten

Chairman-elect—Jane G. Camp

Secretary—None

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WORKERS FOR THE BLIND

Adopted by the Membership, July 31, 1961, at St. Louis, Missouri

Amended, July 30, 1964, at New York, New York; Amended, July 25, 1966, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Amended, July 12, 1967, at Miami Beach, Florida; Amended, July 7, 1968, at Toronto, Ontario, Canada; Amended, July 23, 1969, at Chicago, Illinois; Amended, July 19 and 21, 1971, at Richmond, Virginia

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Name

The Association shall be known as the American Association of Workers for the Blind, Incorporated.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The purpose of the American Association of Workers for the Blind shall be to tender all possible assistance in the promotion, development and improvement of services to blind persons in the Americas and the insular possessions of the United States by:

Section 1. Increasing public understanding of the social and economic gains to individuals and to the nation through providing opportunities for all blind persons to become self-sufficient, self-supporting and contributing members of society.

Section 2. Providing a forum on a national, regional and/or local level for the discussion of all problems relating to services to blind persons and the prevention of blindness and providing publications and conferences to accomplish this purpose as may be developed.

Section 3. Encouraging an interdisciplinary approach to problems of services to blind persons through the maximum use of knowledge and skills of all related professions.

Section 4. Fostering research to advance knowledge and skills for the improvement of services to all blind persons.

Section 5. Assisting in the development of professional training opportunities for all persons engaged in providing services to blind persons.

Section 6. Assisting in the development of professional standards for personnel engaged in the specialized program of services to blind persons.

Section 7. Initiating, if necessary, and cooperating with other groups in the development of programs of social action through legislation or in other ways, for the benefit of blind persons.

Section 8. Interpreting to other disciplines an understanding of the special needs resulting from blindness and encouraging maximum use of their knowledge and skills in our specialized field.

Section 9. Increasing public understanding of the nature and causes of blindness, its impact on individuals and on society.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1. All persons living in the Americas and the insular possessions of the U. S. interested in services to blind persons are eligible for regular membership in the American Association of Workers for the Blind. Interested persons residing outside these geographical limits are eligible for associate membership.

Section 2. Classes of membership are defined in the By-laws.

Section 3. The membership shall serve as the law-making and policy-making body of the American Association of Workers for the Blind, Incorporated. It shall elect the Board of Directors and Officers of the Association.

Section 4. The membership shall be convened for at least one national meeting each year, to and including 1969. Thereafter, national membership meetings shall be held biennially.

ARTICLE IV

Officers of the Association

Section 1. The Officers of the Association shall consist of a President, President-elect, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2. The Officers, except the President, shall be elected at the national meeting of the membership. The President-elect shall succeed to the office of President without election.

Section 3. The Officers shall serve a term of two years, and the Secretary and Treasurer may be re-elected for an additional term of two years. Officers may be re-elected after a two-year waiting period. Officers shall assume their duties following the last business meeting of the national meeting at which they were

Section 4. Election of Officers shall be held as provided in Article VII and in the By-laws.

Section 5. Duties of the Officers are defined in the By-laws.

ARTICLE V

Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers of the Association, the Immediate Past-President, twelve other elected members, and members who qualify as representatives of state chapters, in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution and the terms of the By-laws.

Section 2. Members elected to the Board of Directors shall serve a term of 4 years and shall not be re-elected until after a waiting period of two years; provided, however, that the 4 members of the Board elected at the 1967 convention shall serve until 1971; that the 4 members of the Board elected at the 1968 convention shall serve — 2 until 1971 and 2 until 1973; and that the 4 members of the Board elected at the 1969 convention shall serve until 1973. The 6 members of the Board elected thereafter at the national meeting shall serve terms of four years, with the exception of the representatives of the state or local chapter members.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall serve as the governing and policy-making body of the Association between meetings of the membership.

Section 4. The Board shall meet not less than twice during a calendar year at the call of the President, or of three other members of the Board. Additional meetings held as necessary for the conduct of business of the Association shall be called as provided above.

Section 5. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business.

Section 6. The President, or in his absence, the President-elect, the Secretary, the Treasurer (in that order) shall preside over meetings of the Board of Directors.

Section 7. The Board shall elect from its members four who shall serve as members on the Executive Committee. Two of the four shall be from those who are elected at national meetings, and they shall serve on the Executive Committee for two years. The other two shall

be elected from chapter representatives, and they shall serve on the Executive Committee for not more than two years. (See Article VI.)

Section 8. The Board of Directors shall review and act upon the budget of the Association, as recommended by the Executive Committee.

Section 9. In the event that any elected Officer or member of the Board is unable to serve for any reason, the Board shall elect from its members or the members-at-large a person or persons to fill out the unexpired term of such elected Officer or Board member, except in the case of the President, which office shall be filled by the then President-elect. In the event both the President and the President-elect are unable to serve, the Board of Directors shall elect one of its members to fill out the unexpired term of the President. It shall be the responsibility of the senior member of the Board, in terms of service on the Board, to call and chair a meeting for the purpose of such election, said meeting to be held not later than two weeks after the positions of President and President-elect become vacant.

ARTICLE VI

Executive Committee

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Officers, the Immediate Past-President and four members of the Board elected by the Board (see Article V, Section 7).

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall serve in place of the Board of Directors between meetings of the Board and shall exercise all of the powers of the Board. It shall meet on call of the President, its presiding officer, or on call of two other members of the Committee, but no less than three times annually.

Section 3. Five members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business.

Section 4. a. The Executive Committee shall employ the Executive Director of the Association, define his qualifications, delineate his duties, fix his compensation and otherwise supervise his activities.

b. The Executive Committee may appoint an Assistant Executive Director, who shall assume the duties and responsibilities of the Executive Director in his absence or incapacity. The Assistant Executive Director shall assume the duties and responsibilities only for such term as may be designated, in writing, by the President or the Executive Committee.

Section 5. The Executive Committee shall approve and supervise the annual budget of the Association, as prepared by the Executive Director.

Section 6. The Executive Committee shall report its activities and decisions to the Board of Directors for ratification.

ARTICLE VII

Nominations and Elections

Section 1. The President, upon assuming office, shall appoint a Nominating Committee of nine from among the membership and shall designate its chairman.

Section 2. The Nominating Committee shall prepare an appropriate slate of Officers and directors for the approval of the membership at the next National Meeting in accordance with provisions in the By-laws. In preparing a slate of Officers and Directors, the Nominating Committee shall provide the fullest possible representation from interest groups and shall seek to maintain on the Board and among the officers a good balance of representation from the various regions of the Americas.

Section 3. The Chairman shall present at the first general session of the National Meeting the slate of officers chosen by the Nominating Committee. At the second general session there shall be opportunity for additional nominations from the floor for Officers and Directors of and by members in good standing. The members of the Nominating Committee shall serve as election officers, and all voting shall be conducted according to provisions of the By-laws.

ARTICLE VIII

Provisions for By-Laws

Section 1. To supplement this Constitution the membership shall adopt By-laws which are not inconsistent with this document.

Section 2. By-laws may be adopted by a majority vote of the membership present and voting, in accordance with provisions of the By-laws.

ARTICLE IX

Amendments to the Constitution

Section 1. Amendments to this Constitution require a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of the membership present and voting at the National Membership Meeting of the Association.

Section 2. Amendments may be initiated

as follows:

a. Amendments may be proposed by a majority of the Board of Directors or may be presented by a member, and be signed by 15 members in good standing. In each case a suggested amendment shall be mailed at least 30 days before a vote is taken. The mailing shall be done by the Executive Director, upon instructions of the Corporate Secretary.

b. Amendments may be proposed by any members of the Association at the National Meeting. If the amendment so proposed is approved by a majority of the members present and voting, it shall be referred to the Board of Directors for study and recommendation and shall be presented for adoption or rejection at the next National Meeting of the membership. If ratified by a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority of those present and voting at that meeting it shall become immediately effective.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

Membership — Dues and Privileges

Section 1. Classes of membership shall be as follows:

a. **Regular Membership:** Any eligible person living in the Americas or in the insular possessions of the United States may make application for regular membership to the Executive Director. Annual dues of \$15.00 shall be paid before the applicant can qualify as a member.

Regular members shall have the privilege of voting, of holding office, serving on committees and will receive all publications of the Association and any other privileges developed by the Association.

b. **Life Membership:** Effective January 1, 1967, any person who qualifies as a regular member may become a Life Member by lump sum payment of \$250.00 in from two to ten consecutive annual installments of from

\$125.00 to \$25.00 each. He shall then have full privilege of membership without further payment of annual dues.

c. **Honorary Membership:** Any person may be elected an Honorary Member of the Association by the Board of Directors and shall have all privileges of regular membership, except that of voting.

d. **Associate Membership:** Associate memberships shall be comprised of the following, with dues as shown:

Interested persons residing outside the Americas and insular U.S. possessions	\$10.00
Students who are enrolled part-time or full-time in courses of higher education but are not presently employed in work with blind persons	\$ 5.00

Associate members shall receive publications and have all the privileges of membership except that of voting in meetings of the Association.

e. **Group Membership:** Organization memberships shall be comprised of the following, with minimum dues as shown:

Service clubs or similar bodies wishing to lend moral as well as financial financial support to the Association	\$ 25 per yr.
Sponsor agencies	\$100 per yr.
Sustaining agencies	\$200 per yr.
Patron agencies	\$300 per yr.
Benefactor agencies shall be any which contribute \$500 or more a year.	

Clubs, agencies and other bodies holding group memberships shall have one set of publications mailed to a designated officer. Representatives of such groups may attend national meetings of the Association but will have no vote unless they also hold Regular or Life Memberships.

Section 2. Interest Groups of Regular Members:

a. Continuation and formation of special interest groupings of the membership shall be encouraged in order to promote professional standards and improvement of services to blind persons. Each member shall select the interest group of his choice and so indicate to the Executive Director. Present groups are as follows:

1. Administrators and Executives of Public and Voluntary Agencies serving blind persons at national, state and local levels and Board Members of governing bodies.
2. Rehabilitation and Employment Services.
3. Home Teaching and Social Case Services.
4. Educational Services.
5. Literary and Library Services.
6. Group Services — recreation, day centers, residences.
7. Music and Piano Technology.
8. Public Relations.
9. Orientation and Mobility.
10. Business Enterprises.

b. Each group will meet biennially at a time which will not conflict with the general

sessions or other activities of the National Meeting. Each group shall elect a chairman, a secretary, and a chairman-elect who shall serve as a member of the Program Committee (see Article V). These group officers shall serve for a term of two years, or until their successors are elected at the next National Meeting, except that the chairman-elect shall succeed to the office of chairman without election.

c. Each member shall be entitled to membership in only one special interest group in a membership year, but may attend meetings of any or all other interest groups as he may desire. He may not, however, have the privilege of voting in any interest group except the one to which he belongs.

d. New interest groups may be formed by at least 50 members of the Association in good standing who shall sign an appropriate request form, to be provided by the Executive Director, for consideration by the Board of Directors. If the establishment of the new group is approved by the Board, the members signing the request form will automatically become members of the new group, thereby cancelling their memberships in the interest groups to which they belonged at the time of signing the petition.

e. Continuation of all interest groups shall be dependent upon:

a. A minimum enrollment of 50 members.

b. A quorum of 25 members present and voting at the national meeting of the interest group.

f. The status of interest groups failing to meet the above minimum requirements for a period of two consecutive national meetings shall automatically be subject to review by the Board of Directors, looking to termination or merger of the group with another appropriate interest group.

g. At conventions, the Executive Director shall provide registered members with identification badges which shall include the number of the interest group to which each member belongs, said number to be at least three-quarters of an inch in height. Badges shall

be worn at all business meetings of the Association and interest groups.

to the full membership at each National Meeting.

ARTICLE II

Officers — Duties

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the membership, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. He shall be the responsible Executive Officer and will administer the affairs of the Association between meetings of the Executive Committee and will supervise the activities of the Executive Director in accordance with policies and understandings developed by the Executive Committee.

The President will appoint Committees, both Standing and Special, in accordance with the provisions of Article V of the By-Laws.

Section 2. The President-elect shall serve as assistant to the President and will preside at meetings of the membership, the Board and the Executive Committee in the absence of the President.

He shall serve as Chairman of the Program Committee for planning the program of the National Meeting of the Association.

Section 3. The Secretary shall be responsible for the records of the Association and shall have the Minutes of meetings prepared in proper order. He shall see that records are transmitted to his successor when his term of office is completed. He shall see to it that the activities of the Association are carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and the By-laws.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall be the chief financial officer of the Association. He shall see to it that an annual budget is prepared by the Executive Director and shall approve disbursements, both budgetary and non-budgetary, in accordance with policies established in the By-laws, or by the Executive Committee. He shall be bonded and shall see that proper bonding policies for employees or Officers of the Association are maintained.

He shall see that regular financial statements are prepared in accordance with recognized accounting principles and shall report

ARTICLE III

The Board of Directors

Section 1. The responsibilities of the Board of Directors are specifically outlined in the Constitution. Any additional responsibilities or policy matters not covered by the Constitution and not specifically delegated elsewhere shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The election of the Board of Directors shall be held in accordance with provisions of Article VI of the By-laws.

ARTICLE IV

Executive Committee

Section 1. Duties of the Executive Committee are outlined in the Constitution.

ARTICLE V

Committees

Section 1. **Special Committees:** The President is authorized to appoint, from time to time, special committees to make studies or to consider specific questions related to the work of the Association and he shall designate Chairmen of all committees he appoints except as otherwise provided in Sections 2 through 11 of this Article. He may appoint special committees on his own initiative or at the request of the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors or by a vote of the membership.

Section 2. **Nominating Committee:** This committee shall be constituted as directed in Article VII of the Constitution and Article VI of these By-Laws.

Section 3. **Program Committee:** This committee shall be appointed by the President in consultation with the newly-elected President-elect, who shall serve as chairman of the Committee, and shall also include the members designated by each of the interest groups. Its

size may vary, but the number serving thereon shall not be less than the total of those chosen to represent the officially recognized interest groups.

The principal task of this committee is to plan and prepare, with the full assistance of the Executive Director, a program for the next National Meeting of the Association.

Section 4. Legislative Committee: This committee shall be appointed by the President to represent the Association in legislative programs at Federal and State levels which are of significance in services for the benefit of blind persons.

Section 5. Awards Committee: This committee shall be composed of the three Immediate Past Presidents who are able and willing to serve, and two members of the Association who shall be appointed by the President. The President will also designate the Chairman. The committee is to select a candidate for the Shotwell Medal and a candidate for the Alfred Allen Memorial Award and recipients of any other awards to be made by the Association.

Candidates for the Shotwell Award shall be those whose leadership and service have exerted influence on a national or international scale. Candidates for the Allen Award shall be those whose character and dedication epitomize the spirit and quality of direct service to blind persons.

Section 6. Membership Committee: The President shall appoint a Committee, and shall designate its chairman, which will assist the Executive Director in developing and carrying out a membership program for the Association.

Section 7. The Ethics Committee is to supervise the administration of the Code of Ethics of the Association, and to make recommendations for its modification to the membership and to handle any other matters relating thereto; provided, however, that because of the establishment of the National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped, and the desire of the Association to support this Council in every way possible and not to duplicate its functions,

the Committee shall become inoperative unless, and until, its reactivation be authorized by majority vote of the membership at a national meeting. Use of the Seal of Good Practice shall be discontinued until such time as it is restored by membership vote in accordance with direction by the Board.

Section 8. Resolutions Committee: A committee of five members appointed by the President to receive resolutions from the members at the National Meeting and to present resolutions for action by the membership at its National Meeting.

Section 9. Necrology Committee: A committee of three members appointed by the President following the National Meeting. This committee shall report to the membership at the next National Meeting the names and a resume of the work of members of the Association who have died since the last National Meeting.

Section 10. Certification Committees: Two committees of not more than six members each appointed by the President for the purpose of certification of rehabilitation teachers and orientation and mobility specialists, respectively.

Section 11. Braille Committee: A joint committee of AAWB and AEVH, consisting of specialists in Braille notation appointed jointly by the Presidents of AAWB and AEVH, together with such other members as may be necessary. It shall organize itself as it deems appropriate. An Advisory Council to this committee shall also be appointed jointly by the Presidents of AAWB and AEVH.

Section 12. Editorial Committee: For the purpose of planning, producing and publishing professional literature in the field of services to blind persons, this committee shall be appointed by the President, who shall serve as its chairman. It shall be composed of no less than five nor more than nine members of the Association, including the Immediate Past-President and such members as are experienced in publication work. In addition, not more than four similarly experienced non-members may be appointed by the chairman as consultants to the committee. As the first order

of business at the first meeting convened by a new chairman (i.e., the President) existing guidelines for the committee's work shall be reviewed and revised as necessary, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

Section 13. Chapter and Regional Organization Committee: A committee of from five to nine members appointed by the President who shall designate the chairman thereof. This committee shall assist and advise the National Office Staff in any way possible to stimulate the organization of chapters and in developing and carrying out regional meetings and workshops. This committee shall report at least twice each year to the Board of Directors on progress made and results achieved, together with any recommendation it may have for accelerating the establishment of chapters. By 1971, or earlier if the number of chapters exceeds 20, the committee shall undertake a thorough review of the total organizational structure and make recommendations for change as may be appropriate for the development of a regional structure and appropriate representation of the membership to assure the most effective pattern to advance the mission of the Association.

ARTICLE VI

Nominations and Elections

Section 1. The President, upon assuming office, shall appoint a Nominating Committee of nine from among the membership and shall designate its chairman.

Section 2. At the *first* general session of the National Convention, the presiding officer shall call for a report of the Nominating Committee, which shall then present its slate of Officers and Directors.

a. On convening the *second* general session of the National Convention, the presiding officer shall call on the Chairman of the Nominating Committee to read again the slate of candidates presented at the first session. Upon completion of the slate presentation, the presiding officer shall call for additional nominations from the floor for the office of President-elect. If there be none, a voice vote shall be

called for, and if affirmatively carried, the candidate shall be elected.

b. Next, the presiding officer shall call, in turn, for additional nominations from the floor for the offices of Secretary and Treasurer. If there be none, a voice vote shall be called for, and if affirmatively carried, the candidates shall be elected.

c. Next the presiding officer shall call for additional nominations from the floor for Directors. If there be none, a voice vote shall be called for, and if affirmatively carried, the slate of Directors shall be elected.

Section 3. Whenever additional nominations for any office or directorship are made from the floor, such names shall be recorded by the Nominating Committee together with the position for which each is nominated, provided both nominator and nominee are members in good standing, and provided the nominee gives his consent, verbally or in writing, to be nominated.

a. The Nominating Committee, under the direction of its chairman, shall immediately arrange for a secret ballot and proceed to have prepared printed ballots that will include, in alphabetical order, the name of the Committee's candidate(s) and name or names of other qualified nominees clearly designated as to position for which each is a candidate. (See sample ballot appended to these By-laws).

b. The Chairman of the Nominating Committee or the officer presiding at the *second* general session shall instruct the membership as to where, when and how the secret ballot will be conducted.

Section 4. Following the *second* general session, between the hours of 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. (or such other hours as the Executive Committee shall approve), a room previously designated and equipped with necessary paraphernalia shall be declared open for balloting, which members of the Nominating Committee shall supervise.

a. Registered and badged members shall cast their votes during the designated time only. Members who are blind may bring a friend or ask an election supervisor to assist them in preparing and casting their ballots.

b. Upon closing of the polls, the Nominating Committee shall count and re-count the ballots and announce the results at the awards banquet when called upon by the presiding officer. The officer candidate in each case receiving a plurality of votes cast, and the specified number of Director candidates with the highest number of votes cast, shall be elected.

c. In the event of a tie in balloting for any officer or director, the outgoing President shall cast the deciding vote.

d. All ballots shall be retained by the Chairman of the Nominating Committee in the safe of the convention headquarters until the results have been announced.

Section 5. The terms of Officers shall be for two years, except that the President shall not be elected and the President-elect shall succeed to the office of President at the completion of the President's two-year term of office.

Section 6. The Board of Directors shall be elected for terms of four years, on a rotating basis, four members being elected at each national meeting; provided, however, that the four members of the Board elected at the 1967 convention shall serve until 1971; that the four members of the Board elected at the 1968 convention shall serve—two until 1971 and two until 1973; and that the four members of the Board elected at the 1969 convention shall serve until 1973. The six members of the Board elected thereafter at the national meeting shall serve terms of four years, with the exception of the representatives of the state or local chapter members. If a member of the Board of Directors is nominated as an Officer, and accepts the nomination, he must resign from the Board of Directors before the election so that another person may be nominated for the Board of Directors in his place.

ARTICLE VII

Budgetary and Fiscal Control

Section 1. In addition to the membership fees, the Association may accept gifts or donations from interested individuals or organizations for the general purpose of the Association or for specific projects.

Section 2. All income shall be received and receipted for by the Executive Director. All monies shall be deposited in a savings account or accounts selected by the Treasurer and approved by the President. All funds deposited shall be reported to the Treasurer in a manner to be determined by the Executive Committee.

Section 3. Regular expenditures of the Association shall be made in accordance with a budget prepared by the Executive Director, with cooperation of the Treasurer, and approved by the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors as provided in Articles V and VI of the Constitution. Withdrawals from this account shall be made on a quarterly or shorter basis as directed by the Executive Committee in accordance with a budget approved by the Executive Committee; all withdrawals shall be signed by the Executive Director and countersigned by the President or Treasurer of the Association and such funds shall then be deposited in a checking account or accounts and shall then be dispersed in accordance with the approved budget over signature of the Executive Director. By appropriate Board action, funds may also be withdrawn from the savings account for purposes of investment or purchase of equipment.

Section 4. Non-budgeted expenditures in excess of \$250 must have the approval in writing of the Executive Committee. At the discretion of the Executive Committee, the Executive Director may maintain a rotating petty cash account not to exceed \$250.

Section 5. The fiscal year shall be the same as the membership year, January 1 to December 31.

Section 6. Regular financial statements shall be prepared by the Executive Director under directives from the Treasurer, and in accordance with recognized accounting principles, for submission to the Executive Committee at intervals to be determined by the Executive Committee, but at least quarterly. The Treasurer shall make a full financial accounting to the membership at the National Meeting of the Association.

Section 7. The accounts of the Association shall be audited annually by a recognized

Certified Public Accountant selected by the Board of Directors.

Section 8. The Treasurer will be custodian of all monies and securities of the Association, but may transfer, sell or purchase securities only with the approval of the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII

Chapters

Section 1. Chapters may be organized and represented on the Board of Directors under the following policies, with the proviso that where it is not practical for a chapter to be organized within a state, one may be organized composed of either two or more states, or parts of a state, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors:

a. That all members of a chapter shall be members of the AAWB in good standing.

b. That a chapter shall include: a minimum of 50 members in a jurisdiction with a population in excess of 2,000,000; 30 members in a jurisdiction with a population of 1,000,000 to 2,000,000; 20 members in a jurisdiction with a population of 500,000 to 1,000,000; and 10 members in a jurisdiction with a population of less than 500,000 (the foregoing population counts to be based on the most recently approved U. S. Census).

c. Upon certification to the Board of Directors that a chapter is appropriately registered and that the required number of members are current in dues payment, each chapter shall be entitled to name one of its members to the Board of Directors with the following exception: that chapters with 100 members or more shall be entitled to name two members to the Board of Directors.

d. That the Dominion of Canada shall be authorized to organize a chapter on the same basis as a state with more than 2,000,000 population.

e. That each chapter shall be expected to meet at least once per year.

f. That chapters agree to aid in planning and to support and to participate in regional meetings sponsored by AAWB in their area.

g. That chapters agree to collect all dues for

individual members, all payments for installments on life membership and all dues from organizations within their jurisdiction which may wish to become members thereof. The chapter shall retain $\frac{1}{5}$ of the aforementioned dues and payments, except that, in the case of agency memberships (sponsor, sustaining, patron and benefactor agencies), chapters shall retain only $\frac{1}{5}$ of the minimum dues for a sponsor agency. In case of agency memberships billed by and paid directly to the National headquarters, the chapter within whose jurisdiction that agency is located shall be reimbursed by the National Headquarters in the amount of $\frac{1}{5}$ of the minimum dues for a sponsor agency. Where a payment of individual dues, payments for or installments on life membership have been made to the National Headquarters for any calendar year, and subsequently during the year a chapter is organized, the payment shall be considered as a payment for membership in the chapter and $\frac{1}{5}$ of the payment shall be returned to the chapter. All such payments retained by or returned to the chapter shall be used exclusively for the purposes directly related to the strengthening and expansion of the work of a chapter and for the advancement of the mission of the American Association of Workers for the Blind.

ARTICLE IX

Parliamentary Authority

Section 1. This Association, except as otherwise provided in its Constitution and By-laws, shall be governed in all its meetings by parliamentary law as contained in ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER, REVISED.

Section 2. Upon opening the National Convention, the President shall announce the name of the qualified member who is registered for the convention and who has agreed to serve as Parliamentarian.

ARTICLE X

Quorum

Section 1. At any national or special meeting of the Association, 5 percent of the Regular and Life members present and in

good standing shall constitute a quorum. At any meeting of the Board of Directors, a majority of the Directors shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE XI

Amendments to the By-Laws

Section 1. These By-laws may be amended

at any regular National Business Meeting by a majority vote of the members present and voting, provided:

a. That the amendment has been approved by the Board of Directors; or

b. That the amendment has been proposed in writing and signed by twenty-five (25) members in good standing.

AAWB OFFICIAL BALLOT

Place an X on short line following candidate of choice

FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT

(Vote for One)

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(Names in alphabetical order, including Nominating Committee slate name(s) and other(s) nominated from floor)

FOR SECRETARY

(Vote for One)

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FOR TREASURER

(Vote for One)

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FOR DIRECTOR

(Vote for One)

[illegible]

SPECIAL CANDIDATES

(e.g., to fill unexpired terms on Board of Directors)

[illegible]

DONATING SERVICE CLUBS, AND SPONSORING SUSTAINING, PATRON AND BENEFACTOR AGENCIES

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- Adult Blind Home and Association for the Blind, 3289 Grove Street, Denver, Colorado 80211
- Alabama State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency, 2129 East South Boulevard, Montgomery, Alabama 36608
- Albany Association of the Blind, 301 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12203
- Alumni and Former Students Association, Florida School for the Deaf and Blind, Blind Department, St. Augustine, Florida 32084
- American Foundation for the Blind, 15 West 16th Street, New York, New York 10011
- American Printing House for the Blind, 1839 Frankfort Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky 40206
- Arizona State Department of Public Welfare, Division of Rehabilitation for the Visually Impaired, 1632 West Adams Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007
- Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind, 2811 Fair Park Boulevard, Little Rock, Arkansas 72204
- Arkansas Rehabilitation Services for the Blind, 900 West 4th Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203
- Association for the Blind of Rochester and Monroe County, 439 Monroe Avenue, Rochester, New York 14607
- Association for Vision Rehabilitation, PO Box 12034, El Paso, Texas 79912
- Birth Defects Treatment Center, University of Colorado Medical Center, 4200 East Ninth Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80220
- Blind Industrial Workers Association of New York State, 1072 Bergen Street, Brooklyn, New York 11216
- Braille Institute of America, 741 North Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90029
- Brooklyn Bureau of Community Services, 285 Schermerhorn Street, Brooklyn, New York 11217
- California State Department of Rehabilitation, 714 "P" Street, Sacramento, California 95814

- Camp Hill Lions Club, 1714 Market Street, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania 17011
- Canadian National Institute for the Blind, 1929 Bayview Avenue, Toronto 17, Ontario, Canada
- Catholic Center for the Blind, 22 East 71st Street, New York, New York 10021
- Catholic Guild for the Blind, 191 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201
- Catholic Guild for the Blind, 923 South Graton Street, Los Angeles, California 90015
- Catholic Guild for the Blind, 122 East 22nd Street, New York, New York 10010
- Cattaraugus County Association for the Blind and Visually Handicapped, 116 North Barry Street, Olean, New York 14760
- Center for the Blind, 36th and Lancaster Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104
- Central Alabama Rehabilitation Center, 2125 East South Boulevard, Montgomery, Alabama 36111
- Choice Magazine Listening, 125 Main Street, Port Washington, New York 11050
- Christian Record Braille Foundation, 4444 South 52nd Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68506
- Cincinnati Association for the Blind, 2045 Gilbert Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
- Cleveland Society for the Blind, 1909 East 101st Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44106
- Colorado Department of Social Services, 705 State Services Building, Denver, Colorado 80203
- Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind, 2021—14th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009
- Community Services for the Blind, Box 8277, Station F, Atlanta, Georgia 30306
- Community Services for the Blind, 7530 Queen Anne Avenue, W., Seattle, Washington 98109
- Computer Systems Institute, 300 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219
- Connecticut Institute for the Blind, Oak Hill School, 120 Holcomb Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06112
- Connecticut State Board of Education and Services for the Blind, 170 Ridge Road, Wethersfield, Connecticut 06109
- Dallas County Association for the Blind, 4306 Capitol Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75204
- Dallas Services for Blind Children, 3802 Cole Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75204
- Delaware Commission for the Blind, 305 West 8th Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801
- Doylestown Lions Club, Doylestown, Pennsylvania 18901
- Duluth Lighthouse for the Blind, 16 West First Street, Duluth, Minnesota 55801
- Elkhart Rehabilitation Service of the Visually Impaired Center, 702 Williams Street, Elkhart, Indiana 46514

- Episcopal Guild for the Blind, 157 Montague Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201
- Evansville Association for the Blind, 500-510 Second Avenue, Evansville, Indiana 47710
- Florida Bureau of Blind Services, 725 South Bronough Street, Suite 161, Tallahassee, Florida 32304
- Golden Triangle Federation for the Blind, 2142 Perrysville Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15214
- Goodwill Industries of Dayton, Rehabilitation and Job Training Center, 201 West 5th Street, Dayton, Ohio 45402
- Greater Detroit Society for the Blind, 1401 Ash Street, Detroit, Michigan 48208
- Greater Pittsburgh Guild for the Blind, 311 Station Street, Bridgeville, Pennsylvania 15017
- Guam Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Department of Education, Box 3009, Agaña, Guam 96901
- Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind, 109-19—72nd Avenue, Forest Hills, New York 11375
- Guiding Eyes for the Blind, 106 East 41st Street, New York, New York 10017
- Hadley School for the Blind, 700 Elm Street, Winnetka, Illinois 60093
- Houston-Harris County Lighthouse for the Blind, 3530 West Dallas, Houston, Texas 77019
- Industrial Home for the Blind, 57 Willoughby Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201
- Industries for the Blind of New York State, 114 Old Country Road, Mineola, New York 11501
- Iowa Commission for the Blind, Fourth and Keosaqua, Des Moines, Iowa 50309
- Jewish Guild for the Blind, 15 West 65th Street, New York, New York 10023
- Kansas City Association for the Blind, 1844 Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri 64108
- Kansas State Department of Social Welfare, Division of Services for the Blind, State Office Building, Topeka, Kansas 66612
- Lavelle School for the Blind, 221st Street and Paulding Avenue, New York, New York 10469
- Lehigh County Association for the Blind, 614 North 13th Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania 18102
- Lighthouse for the Blind, 123 State Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70118
- Lions Club of Chester, Concord Road, Chester, Pennsylvania 19013
- Lions Club of West Philadelphia, 26 South 40th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104
- Lorain County Center for the Sightless, 330 Third Street, Elyria, Ohio 44035

- Maine Department of Health and Welfare, Division of Eye Care, Augusta, Maine 04330
- Martinsville Department of Social Services, Box 827, Martinsville, Virginia 24112
- Maryland School for the Blind, 3501 Taylor Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21236
- Maryland Workshop for the Blind, 2901 Strickland Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21223
- Massachusetts Commission for the Blind, 39 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02116
- Matilda Ziegler Publishing Company for the Blind, 20 West 17th Street, New York, New York 10011
- Mecklenburg Association for the Blind, 704 Louise Avenue, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202
- Minneapolis Society for the Blind, 1936 Lyndale Avenue, S., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55403
- Minnesota State Services for the Blind, Department of Public Welfare, Centennial Office Building, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101
- Mississippi State Department of Public Welfare, Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind, Box 4872, Fondren Station, Jackson, Mississippi 39216
- Missouri Bureau for the Blind, Division of Welfare, State Office Building, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102
- Missouri Rehabilitation Institute, 3011 Baltimore, Kansas City, Missouri 64108
- Mobile Association for the Blind, Box 1034, Mobile, Alabama 36607
- Montana Association for the Blind, Box 536, Kalispell, Montana 59901
- Montana School for the Deaf and Blind, 3800 Second Avenue, N., Great Falls, Montana 59401
- Morgan Memorial, 95 Berkeley Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02166
- Mount Carmel Guide, 99 Central Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07102
- National Braille Press, 88 St. Stephen Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02115
- National Industries for the Blind, 50 West 44th Street, New York, New York 10036
- National Society for the Prevention of Blindness, 79 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10002
- Nebraska School for the Visually Handicapped, 825 10th Avenue, Nebraska City, Nebraska 68410
- Nebraska Services for the Visually Impaired, 8th Floor, State Capitol Building, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509
- New Hampshire Department of Health and Welfare, State House Annex, Concord, New Hampshire 03301
- New Jersey Commission for the Blind, 1100 Raymond Boulevard, Newark, New Jersey 07102

- New Jersey Library for the Blind and Handicapped, 1700 Calhoun Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08638
- New Mexico Services for the Blind Section, Social and Rehabilitation Services, Box 2348, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501
- New York Association for the Blind, 111 East 59th Street, New York, New York 10022
- New York Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, 166 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10013
- New York State Department of Social Services, Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped, 1450 Western Avenue, Albany, New York 12203
- New York State Library, Library for the Blind, 226 Elm Street, Albany, New York 12202
- New York State School for the Blind, Batavia, New York 14020
- North Carolina State Commission for the Blind, 410 North Boylan Avenue, Raleigh, North Carolina 27602
- North Dakota Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Special Services for the Blind, Box 8117, University Station, Grand Forks, North Dakota 58201
- North Dakota School for the Blind, 500 Stanford Road, Grand Forks, North Dakota 58201
- Ohio Bureau of Services for the Blind, Department of Public Welfare, 85 South Washington Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43215
- Oregon Commission for the Blind, 535 Southeast 12th Street, Portland, Oregon 97214
- Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, 2843 North Front Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110
- Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, Blair Centre Branch, 1912-14 Eighth Avenue, Altoona, Pennsylvania 16602
- Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, Bucks County Branch, Route 413, Newton, Pennsylvania 17075
- Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, Cambria County Branch, 211 Central Avenue, Johnstown, Pennsylvania 15902
- Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, Chester County Branch, 71 South First Avenue, Coatsville, Pennsylvania 19320
- Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, Juniata Foundation Branch, Box 53, Lewis-town, Pennsylvania 17044
- Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, Lower Susquehanna Branch, 241 Chestnut Street, Sunbury, Pennsylvania 17801
- Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, Mercer County Branch, Box 1181, Sharon, Pennsylvania 16146
- Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, Pittsburgh Branch, 308 South Craig Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15213

- Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, Tri-County Branch, 2336 North Tihrd Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110
- Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, Venango County Branch, 406 West First Street, Oil City, Pennsylvania 16301
- Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, Wilkes-Barre Branch, 35 East Union Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18701
- Perkins School for the Blind, 175 North Beacon Street, Watertown, Massachusetts 02172
- Personnel Research and Guidance Center, 1604 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103
- Philomatheon Society of the Blind, 2810 West Tuscanny Street, Canton, Ohio 44708
- Pilot Dogs, 625 West Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43222
- Recording for the Blind, Oak Ridge Unit, Badger Road, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830
- Rehabilitation Center and Workshop of Western Pennsylvania, 950 Highland Avenue, Greensburg, Pennsylvania 15601
- Rhode Island Association for the Blind, 1058 Broad Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02905
- Rock Hall Lions Club, Rock Hall, Maryland 21661
- Sacramento Society for the Blind, 2750—24th Street, Sacramento, California 95818
- San Antonio Association for the Blind, 2305 Roosevelt Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78210
- San Antonio Goodwill Industries, 3822 Pleasanton Road, San Antonio, Texas 78221
- Science for the Blind, 221 Rock Hill Road, Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania 19004
- Seeing Eye, Box 375, Morristown, New Jersey 07960
- Service Center for the Visually Impaired, 725 Mason Street, Flint, Michigan 48503
- Sheltered Workshop of York County, 149 South Tremont Street, York, Pennsylvania 17403
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THE PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Cleo B. Dolan, President

American Association of Workers for the Blind
Executive Director, Cleveland Society for the Blind
Cleveland, Ohio

Introduction

We wish it were possible for us to report to you this morning to the effect that this has been an exciting, stimulating and glorious two years--during our term of office. However, many of you would be aware that this was a slight exaggeration. To be frank with you, there were many challenges.

In 1972--The expiration of the Association's sizable HEW grant that we had enjoyed since 1964. Namely, the income for the bibliography card catalog project, the professional training materials--the resources for printing the Position Papers and the income that made it possible to develop and print the Annual--"Blindness." This loss in funds made it necessary to reduce the Association's budget by 100% (\$135,000 before \$67,000 for current years). Inflation compounded our financial problems.

However, our greatest disappointment was John Naler's resignation last November and the lack of an Executive Direc-

tor from the first of December until the first of July. The responsibilities of the President were further complicated with the convention scheduled for Cleveland. These additional chores, along with the Cleveland Society for the Blind's major alteration and expansion program at our Business Enterprise, Work Readiness and Activity Center, that has been under construction since February 1972; a Building Fund Campaign; the continual work for the purchase of several properties for the Society's building projects, plus acquiring a twenty unit apartment house for a student residence center; and finally, breaking ground this week for the Sight Center's new addition--have all increased our work load.

Fortunately, Doug MacFarland and Bob Whitstock assisted with some of the major obligations at the AAWB office. Betty Ravenscraft, Bob Whitstock; the Ohio AAWB Chapter members, The Society's volunteers Red Cross Braille Volunteers, and staff assumed

almost total responsibility for the convention. As the events of the convention proceed for the next three days, we feel certain you will agree that they have all done a superb job.

In an attempt to stay within our time schedule, so that we will have maximum available time for the next exciting program, on the agenda for 10:30 I shall be brief and to the point.

It is said that reflections are for the elderly and for the "has beens." With this we take issue, for it seems to us that reflections are the cornerstones on which challenges are built and challenges are the materials from which permanently strong structures develop. Thus, the past two years of my presidency of AAWB have furnished much for reflection, much for challenge, and we hope structural strength for the future. Though it affords ample material for reflection, we feel neither elderly nor at this point quite as a "has been." In fact, the past two years have afforded us real exhilaration, and although we look forward to the orderly transfer of responsibilities to our President Elect, we shall continue working on behalf of the American Association of Workers for the Blind.

Too frequently members of an organization such as ours tend to be critical of its lack of accomplishment, its seemingly rudderless journey through the chaos of existence, and we draw these conclusions because most of us do not examine

closely the path we have charted and the degree of progress attained. It is with this in mind that we should like to reflect for a few minutes on the past several years and draw from those reflections the challenges which we think are important for the American Association of Workers for the Blind in the future.

Reflections of the Past

For many years those of us who were concerned about the future of this Association, its growth and its permanency, struggled with the intricate problems of restructuring in order to involve more people at the grass-roots. To this end we encouraged state chapters, with the expectation that these would add impetus to the development of strong regionalization. In 1967 we saw the first state chapter come into being in the State of New Jersey under the guidance of Joe Kohn, Bob Whitstock, and its first president, Father McGuinness. This development set the pattern and the challenge for other states.

In 1968 we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. Can you ever forget the hospitality and the enthusiasm generated in our 1968 convention? Here as you recall the problems of diabetes and the diabetic, once more came to the front in our concern.

In the next year we saw the birth of NAC, a product of many long hours and even weeks and months of careful consideration of those proposals leading to standards of accreditation for agencies serving blind persons. Frankly we are at a loss in understanding the furor which seemingly rages in respect to accreditation today. The concept itself was born out of the feeling of need by agencies serving the blind; its growth and development comes from continuing consultation with agencies serving the blind; and it seems to us that if we are fearful of applying the yardstick of sound standards to our operations either in the public or the private sector, then we most assuredly open the question of our right to exist as a vehicle purporting to deliver quality services to the blind and visually handicapped population of this country. Consumer involvement is a vital factor at all times, but it cannot be the overriding factor to the detriment of sound administration, funding, staffing, program development and quality control.

In 1969 in Chicago, we agreed to return to a biennial convention, meeting in the odd-numbered years nationally and in the even-numbered years moving toward strong regional programming. This took some time to get off the ground, but it began to move and prior to the 1971 convention in Richmond, Virginia, when regionalization became a reality. Robert

Whitstock led the development of this concept and devoted many long hours in selling it around the country. For these tireless efforts, he headed the slate of nominees as a candidate for President Elect and will at the end of this convention assume the Presidency. Most importantly, however, our membership rose to an all-time high of 2,500 by the end of the year 1971.

We would be remiss if we did not at this point allude to the Richmond convention typified by the tremendous Southern hospitality which the host, the Virginia Commission for the Visually Handicapped under Bill Coppage, extended to all of us. Their efforts have left a long-standing model for our conventions of the future. At the end of that meeting the gavel was transferred and we officially assumed our duties, thinking that there might be a brief lull in activities. We were mistaken, for the AAWB was on the move and it took us with it.

1971-73

We moved rapidly into the planning of regional conferences and as your president it seemed to us that there was an obligation to be a part of these regional meetings whenever possible. In fact, we attended five of the seven regional meetings last year, as well as several Chapter meetings. There were three held in the latter part of 1972

with 303 registrants coming to San Francisco. This, too, was an outstanding demonstration of the support obtainable if the AAWB was brought to the membership in the field. Eugene Spurrier led the Mid-Atlantic Conference in Washington, D.C. and 166 members registered for it at the Burlington Hotel. Our Mid-West Region has had the privilege of meeting twice--once in the Detroit area, and once in Dayton, Ohio. As a matter of fact, the states of the Mid-West held a regional meeting in Minneapolis a number of years ago as a pilot demonstration that regionalization could work. You might be interested to know that of the seven regional meetings which took place in 1972, 1,091 persons attended.

Late last summer the Association mailed nearly 3,000 copies of the Annual "Blindness" to its members. This fine publication, we believe, was "up to par" with several other volumes developed in previous years. Believing that it was essential to equalize travel and expenses for all members of the Board of Directors, last December we held a meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, and with a pre-determined formula, to assist in the payment of expenses where this became necessary and when the Chapter, the individual, or the agencies could not pick up the travel cost for their employees who served as members of the AAWB our Board of Directors. There were 41 in attendance at this meeting and the cost to AAWB was only about \$300. The Association is

grateful to the agencies, Chapter and Board members who assumed the costs and aided the AAWB budget in this manner. The results of this meeting clearly indicate the value of moving at least one board meeting per year out of Washington, D.C. and yesterday the Board voted to continue this plan.

As most of you are aware in December of 1972, this Association sustained a serious loss when our Executive Director, John L. Naler left us to return to civilian duties with the Department of the Army at the Pentagon. Last evening we honored Mr. Naler with a small token of our esteem, but unless you had the privilege of working closely with John, you could never know his value to the American Association of Workers for the Blind and his dedication to its growth. He encountered innumerable challenges as our Executive Director. Yet with it all, he never lost his sense of balance, his ready smile, his cheerful greeting, and his 110 per cent or more effort to see the AAWB achieve a leadership role among associations. To all of us who are involved in staging this convention and in the administration of the AAWB, Mr. Naler's loss was a substantial blow, but the heritage he left on which we can build, will long be remembered.

While we are talking about the early part of 1973, Interest Group 3 composed of rehabilitation teachers and social caseworkers, attempted to determine whether or not both pro-

fessions could be better served within the umbrella of our Association, if each developed its own interest group. We hope that whatever is best for these two professional groupings will come to pass under the leadership of our national organization.

Within the past several months, additional events surrounding this convention have taken place. Bruce Blasch has assumed the duties in our national office as the Association's Executive Director, as of July 1st. We have in this convention provided an employment exchange information booth, for those who are in the market to hire and for those who are in the market to change jobs.

This convention was preceded by a all day workshop in public relations, for the purposes of benefitting all agencies serving the blind, with an attendance of over 100 persons. We have just learned that our past president, Roy Kumpe of the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind, has had bestowed upon him an honorary doctorate from the University of Arkansas. On behalf of our entire membership, we offer him congratulations. Lastly, as of last week we had 28 Chapters, 142 Agencies, and 3,220 Individuals, and hopefully, by the end of the convention we will be close to the 3,300 mark.

Before closing our accounting to you, we must touch on an event which shall long live in the memories of Mrs. Dolan and myself.

The World Council for the
Welfare of the Blind Execu-
tive Committee Meeting,
Moscow, Russia

In May 1972 and as the AAWB representative to the World Conference on Welfare for the Blind, I had the unusual opportunity, together with Bob Barnett--the AFB representative and Chairman of the North America delegation; and Judge Reece Rohbrandt, as the delegate from the American Council of the Blind, to spend ten days in Russia. This was a meeting of the WCWB Executive Committee to review policy matters, committee reports and to plan the WCWB general assembly to be held in San Paulo, Brazil, in Aug. 1974. Bob Barnett's report was included in the registration material you received, which we hope you will read. We have reported on this trip to some of the Regional, and several of the Chapter meetings. However, we would like to share a few brief comments on our observations and impressions with you at this time.

The hospitality was superb in every respect. They could not have been more gracious hosts. I think it is fair to state that most of the 35 delegates probably felt restricted, that we might be under a certain amount of surveillance, and we were very cautious in our remarks.

Services for the Blind were, in our opinion, very well organized and compared to their social standards. We

must remember that this is a communist country and work oriented society, plus the fact that their standards of living have been very deprived for centuries. However, it would seem that the blind are the best organized group and probably have some of the greatest benefits of any minority section of their population. They all work, and their wages are the same as their sighted peers--plus the fact that they work one hour less per day, as do all handicapped, then the other workers; also, the fact they all receive a pension in addition to their wages. We were told, and there seemed to be evidence, that they had much better housing, because the All Russian Society for the Blind has built new apartments and other facilities for the blind within the complex where they live, and work thus transportation and mobility was not a problem for blind persons in Russia. They apparently have most of the same type services we have in the U.S.A. but certainly not as sophisticated. Their factories were very modern, automated, and seemed to be efficient. One of the reasons for their success in the industry, was probably primarily related to the emphasis on professional engineers employed to the All Russian Society--256 engineers who work solely in product development, plant layout, equipment, etc. They readily admitted that their greatest problem was the lack of varied types of employment for blind persons. Most of them start to work in a factory at the age of 18, and usually, other than a possible

promotion within the plant, they work at the same job or at the same type of work until they retire.

It was a very enlightening and wonderful experience. We were very happy to have been your official delegate, and of course, this was one of the most exciting events of the past two years.

Our Challenges for the Future

At the outset, we indicated that it was our opinion, reflections were the cornerstones of challenges, and we feel that the American Association of Workers for the Blind needs to be challenged now as it never has in the past. What then are these challenges?

1. Are we as an Association prepared to meet our financial obligations and to carry on this essential work without dependence upon governmental grants and other support hitherto available?

2. Despite the tremendous strides in membership, are we as public and private agencies encouraging our staff to join, are we securing membership from those who need to belong to the American Association of Workers for the Blind?--Including Agency Membership?

3. Are we prepared to support good legislation and is our voice strong enough to be heard in the halls of congress?

4. Can we, who are in the field of work for the blind, plead for equal opportunities for blind persons and turn about with hat in hand and beg for special privilege? What is our position really going to be for the future?

5. Are we satisfied with the format of our conventions and the routine pattern into which they have fallen, or do we need before the next biennial convention rally to overhaul our approach?

6. How can we continue to make regional meetings a viable and influential part of this Association's activities?

7. Can we continue to set aside the strong leadership of the past and to ignore its usefulness in developing the future of this Association?

8. Are we going to be for the future the American Association of Workers for the Blind with Vitality, Strength, Perceptivity, Courage and Integrity, or will we succumb to pressures and the roughshod tactics of other groups and become not only a weak voice in the wilderness, but perhaps a corpse buried in the chaos of unwarranted and unnecessary struggle?

9. Finally, can the services to blind persons, and can the blind population of this country afford the deviousness which now exists between agencies and organizations of and for the blind? If we have not learned some hard lessons in the past decade, then in our view, the

next decade may well see services to the blind and the blind themselves relegated to oblivion, despite the fact that there is some breast beating about organizational strength from certain quarters.

Members of the American Association of Workers for the Blind, this is our brief report of two years of stewardship as your president, and with this accounting at the end of the 1973 biennial convention, on Wednesday afternoon, I will pass these challenges along with the gavel to your new President, the Board of Directors and the membership--with the pledge that I will continue to assist the Association as much as possible in the years to come--God willing to grant me that privilege.

MINUTES OF THE 1973 BIENNIAL CONVENTION

The 1973 biennial National Meeting of the American Association of Workers for the Blind was held at the Statler Hilton Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio, July 22-25, 1973. More than 800 members of the Association were present to participate in the 45th Convention, making it one of the largest conventions in A.A.W.B.'s history. Much of the success of this convention is due to the diligent work of the many volunteers, the Ohio Chapter of the A.A.W.B., and in particular to Cleo Dolan, Mrs. Betty Ravenscraft, and members of the Cleveland Society for the Blind.

In spite of several minor inconveniences, mostly concerning room assignments, the Convention moved along at a rapid pace and activities were crammed into every time space available. The hospitality room remained open for many hours each day and the door prizes were prolific.

A Public Relations workshop preceded the annual meeting. This was the first A.A.W.B. sponsored workshop of this nature and was extremely well attended. This workshop was arranged by a committee representing Interest Group 8, and similar workshops are planned for on either a Regional or National basis.

The opening session was chaired by Cleo B. Dolan, President, and the welcoming address was given by the Honorable Ralph Perk, Mayor of Cleveland. Mr. Burt Risley introduced the keynote speaker, Mr. Aria A. Malas, Jr., President, Management Services Associates of Austin, Texas. Mr. Mallas gave an inspirational talk on the "Strategies for the Future." President Dolan presented certificates of appreciation for the planning and conducting the regional conferences to the following: William Ferrell, Travis Harris, Sam LoPresti, James Riley, Eugene Spurrier, McAllister Upshaw, and Berdell Wurzburger. Special Awards were presented to George Magers, Division of Services to the Blind, U.S. Department of H.E.W., and John Naler, former Executive Director of A.A.W.B. The session ended with the Necrology Committee Report by C. Warren Bledsoe. This committee name will now be changed to History and Memorial Committee.

The first general session opened at 9:00 A.M. Monday, July 23, with Cleo Dolan presiding and Mr. Robert H. Whitstock as Chairman. President Dolan gave his presidential address. This was followed by an address by Mr. Cooper Sonntag, Deputy Administrator-Operations, Rehabilitation

Services Commission, Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Sonntag spoke about "Ohio--The Rehabilitation Service Commission's Success Story." This was followed by the Nominating Committee's Report by Dr. MacFarland and the proposed By-Law changes by Mr. Howard Hansen. After a short coffee-break the meeting was resumed with Dr. N. Yoder as Chairman. Scientific presentations were given by: Dr. James Bliss of Telesensory Systems, Inc.--Optacon; Dr. Derek Rowell, Wormald Vigilant Ltd.--Binaural Sensors; Dr. T. Benham, Science for Blind--Laser Cane; Mr. Larry Scadden, Smith-Kettlewell Inst.--Vibro-Tactile Perception; Mr. Patrick Nye, Hoskins Laboratories--Reading Machines, and Dr. Eugene Murphy, Veterans Administration--Prosthetic Sensory Aids.

In order to allow members an opportunity to attend more than one interest group meeting, interest groups were scheduled to meet in two different time blocks. From 1:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. Interest Groups 1,2,3,6 and 9 had their meetings, and from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m., Groups 4,5,8 and 10 met. The Presidential Reception was an elaborate affair and was held from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Groups 3 and 9 had an additional meeting at 8:00 p.m. and the evening closed with a mixer that started at 9:00 p.m.

The second general session started at 10:30 a.m., with Cleo Dolan presiding and Dr. MacFarland acting as Chairman. However, preceding this session many social events and tours

were scheduled and this later starting date enabled several chapters to hold board meetings. The main speaker at the second general session was Mr. Corbett Reedy, Deputy Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Service Administration. Mr. Reedy gave an informative talk on "Objectives for S.R.S. in the 70's." Dr. Arnall Patz of the John Hopkins Hospital also presented a topical address on "The Challenge of Diabetes as a Cause of Blindness in the 1970's." Mr. Irvin P. Schloss gave the Legislative Committee Report and the session terminated with the acceptance of nominations from the floor.

The third general session started at 1:30 p.m., with Mr. Ross Purse as Chairman. Three very interesting and informative speakers were on the program. Mr. George E. Klinkhamer, State Service Coordinator, Office of Education, H.E.W., spoke on "Career Education--Implications for the Blind."

Mr. C. Stanley Potter, Director, Services for the Blind and Visually Handicapped, St. Paul, Minnesota, discussed, "Minnesota's Radio Talking Book--An Innovative Service," and Mrs. Mary C. Patterson, National President Canadian Council of the Blind remarked concerning "The Canadian Council of the Blind--Its Purpose and Function." Interest group meetings finished the remainder of the busy afternoon with Groups 1,2,3,6, and 9 meeting from 3:45-5:15. The Ambrose M. Shotwell Award Banquet, with an overflow

crowd, was held in the Grand Ballroom. The Shotwell Distinguished Service Award was presented to Mr. Robert Bray, former Chief of the Division for the Blind and Visually Handicapped, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

During the banquet Dr. MacFarland announced the results of the elections: President-elect, Harold G. Roberts; Secretary, Ross C. Purse; Treasurer, Burt L. Risley; Board Members for a term of four years, Ruth Kaarlela, Constance Gant, Joseph Sullivan, William Ferrell, Jack Claxton, and George Magers.

All Interest Groups held their business sessions from 9:00-10:15 a.m. on Wednesday, July 25. The fourth general session started at 10:30 a.m., with President-elect Robert H. Whitstock serving as Chairman. This session was distinguished by three excellent presentations on a variety of current topics. Mr. Kenneth Jernigan, President of the National Federation of the Blind, spoke on, "Work With the Blind--Who are the Consumers, and What Do They Want?" The presentation of Mr. Frederick Picard, III, Executive Director, Carroll Rehabilitation Center, Newton, Massachusetts, Dealt with "Aging and Blindness: Doubts and Promises." The third speaker, Dr. Kenneth Ingham, Director, ARTS Service Bureau, Watertown, Massachusetts, gave an excellent report on "The ARTS Service Bureau--A Status Report."

The Membership Luncheon was held at 12:15 p.m., with

Mr. Cleo B. Dolan presiding. The luncheon was very well attended. Mr. Roy Kumppe presented the Membership Committee report. He announced that the A.A.W.B. membership was the largest in the Association's history, exceeding the 3,370 level. The A.A.W.B.'s Past President's Award went to the Oklahoma Chapter of A.A.W.B. The Alfred Allen Award was presented to J. Kenneth Cozier, and the John H. McAulay Award was presented to Nicholas W. Williams, retired from I.R.S.

The fifth and final session was held at 2:00 p.m., July 25, with Mr. Thomas J. Murphy, Superintendent, Illinois Visually Handicapped Institute, Chicago, Illinois, chairing the session. Two presentations were made during this session. Dr. W. Payton Kolb, Psychiatrist, Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind, Little Rock, Arkansas, discussed, "The Server and the Served: Dynamics, Attitudes and Rights," and Mr. Durward K. McDaniel, National Representative, American Council of the Blind, Inc., Washington, D.C., spoke on "Services." President Cleo Dolan presided at the final business meeting that consisted of reports from the following: Resolution Committee, Unfinished and New Business, followed by the transfer of gavels. The new president, Mr. Robert Whitstock, adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald Blasch, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE AAWB MEMBERSHIP

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Harold G. Roberts, Associate Director of the
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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WORKERS FOR THE BLIND, INC.BALANCE SHEETJUNE 30, 1973ASSETSCURRENT ASSETS

Cash - Union Trust	\$ 5,066.41	
- Home Federal Savings and Loan	3,390.49	
- Maryland State Savings and Loan	4,331.36	
- Northwestern Federal Savings & Loan	16,781.60	
Petty Cash	66.00	
Returned Checks	36.00	
Total Current Assets		\$ 29,671.86

FIXED ASSETS

Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	\$ 4,398.00	
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(4,397.00)</u>	
Total Fixed Assets		<u>1.00</u>

TOTAL ASSETS\$ 29,672.86LIABILITIES AND CAPITALLIABILITIES

Payroll Taxes Payable	\$ 423.27
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CAPITAL

A.A.W.B.	\$ 8,847.39
Life Membership	14,233.85
Service Award	<u>6,168.35</u>

<u>TOTAL CAPITAL</u>	<u>29,249.59</u>
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<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL</u>	<u>\$ 29,672.86</u>
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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WORKERS FOR THE BLIND, INC.
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 1973

RECEIPTS

Membership - Regular	\$ 27,125.00
- Agency	7,700.00
- Life	802.00
- Student	431.60
New Outlook Subscriptions	2,474.00
Film	105.00
Other Income	121.27
Publication of Blindness	261.00
Teaching Materials	<u>41.05</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$ 39,060.92

GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES

Accounting	\$ 900.00
Committee & Board Expense	204.31
Dues & Subscriptions	170.62
Employee Benefits - Payroll Taxes	587.29
Equipment	549.72
Insurance	307.82
Miscellaneous	276.25
Postage and Freight	591.60
Printing and Mailing	14,830.74
Relocation	500.00
Rent	1,642.38
Salaries - Executive Director	1,250.00
- Administrative Secretary	3,638.28
- Membership Secretary	3,302.60
Supplies	766.09
Support for 1973	692.90
Telephone	379.51
Travel	<u>711.84</u>

TOTAL GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES31,301.95EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS\$ 7,758.97

Respectfully submitted,

Harold G. Roberts, Treasurer

AAWB-AEVH-NBA BRAILLE AUTHORITY REPORT

Bernard M. Krebs
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New York, New York

Substantial progress has been achieved during the past year in developing and expanding braille codes to meet the requirements of braille publishers, transcribers, students, and readers. The Revised Textbook Code, the Revised Mathematics Code, and the new Computer Code have added a wealth of necessary information in both symbols and techniques. With this material at hand, publications in braille will more accurately transmit the basic style and nuances of inkprint publications to the braille reader.

With the expended use of the International Braille Music Code, braille transcribers have raised many questions concerning the prescribed techniques and accuracy of intelligible presentation. The Braille Authority and its Advisory Committee on Braille Music Notation have been gathering comments and suggestions from the field and have undertaken the study of possible clarifications or revision. As the study progresses, international consideration will be

requested for any rule or principle which is shown to be ineffective or confusing.

The National Braille Association has joined AEVH and AAWB in sponsoring the work of the Braille Authority. Since a great wealth of general and technical works are provided through the outstanding services of volunteer braille transcribers, the added sponsorship of NBA will bring an invaluable body of experience and know-how which will aid in guiding the Braille Authority toward achieving its goal of providing efficient and effective braille codes to the field.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernard M. Krebs, Chairman
Maxine Dorf
Marjorie S. Hooper
Alice M. Mann
Christina Baugh

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Irvin P. Schloss, Vice Chairman
Coordinator of Governmental Relations,
American Foundation for the Blind

Following his election as President of AAWB, Mr. Cleo B. Dolan appointed a Legislative Committee consisting of Dr. Peter J. Salmon, chairman; Irvin P. Schloss, vice chairman; Mary K. Bauman; William T. Coppage; Joseph Kohn; Roy Kumpe; and Burt Risley. Mr. Dolan also appointed advisors to the Legislative Committee as follows: M. Robert Barnett, Executive Director, American Foundation for the Blind; Robert S. Bray, Chief, Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress; Finis E. Davis, Vice President and General Manager, American Printing House for the Blind; John F. Nagle, Chief, Washington Office, National Federation of the Blind, and Frederick Picard, III, Executive Director, Carroll Rehabilitation Center for the Visually Impaired.

During the period of this report from July 1971 to July 1973, the Legislative Committee met twice to discuss pending legislation and reaffirm past positions on major items, such as welfare reform and vocational rehabilitation. The past two years have been characterized by continued effective cooperation in the development and support of legislation by the American Association of Workers for the Blind, the American Council of the Blind, American Foundation for the Blind, Blind

Veterans Association, National Council of State Agencies for the Blind and the National Federation of the Blind.

Social Security and
Welfare Reform

On January 20, 1972, the vice chairman testified on behalf of AAWB as well as AFB and BVA on proposed improvements in the Social Security Act before the Senate Committee on Finance.

Public Law 92-336, which increased the ceiling on the national debt, also contained a 20% across-the-board increase in social security cash benefits effective September 1, 1972. It also increased the taxable wage base and established a mechanism for automatic increases in the wage base and cash benefits based on increases in the Consumer Price Index. At the end of the 92nd Congress, Public Law 92-603 was enacted making major improvements in the Social Security Act. Of major significance to AAWB are the following improvements:

1. Coverage of individuals entitled to cash disability insurance benefits for two years for medicare benefits;
2. Liberalization of entitlement of blind persons to disability insurance cash benefits by elimination of the require-

ment of 20 out of 40 quarters preceding the onset of disability in covered employment.

3. Federalization of the adult public assistance programs of aid to the aged, blind, and disabled with cash benefits for an eligible individual beginning at \$130 monthly effective January 1, 1974 and \$195 monthly for an eligible couple.

4. Mandatory referral of all blind and disabled public assistance recipients under 65 for vocational rehabilitation services, with the Federal Government covering the full cost of such services.

In the future, the Legislative Committee proposes to continue advocating further liberalization of disability insurance provisions for the blind to permit blind persons with six quarters in covered employment to receive cash benefits without regard to their ability to engage in substantial gainful activity. In addition, the Committee will continue to advocate liberalization of financing of and stricter state plan provisions in maternal and child health and crippled children's services under Title V of the Social Security Act to assure more effective preventive and ameliorative services for children with vision problems.

On July 11, 1973, the President signed P.L. 93-66, a bill extending the Renegotiation Act, which included additional major improvements in the Social Security Act affecting blind persons. The new law increases

cash OASDI Social Security benefits by 5.6% effective June 1, 1974. It also improves the new Federalized public assistance programs (Supplemental Security Income for the Aged, Blind and Disabled), Medicaid, and social services provisions as follows:

1. Increases the new supplemental security income benefit for the aged, blind, and disabled from \$130 to \$140 a month for an individual and from \$195 to \$210 a month for an eligible couple, effective July 1, 1974. The new SSI program supplants the existing Federal-state public assistance program for the aged, blind and disabled next January 1st with the lower direct Federal cash payments cited.

2. Includes in the SSI program for cash payments after next January 1st an "essential person" in the household of an aged, blind, or disabled individual covered under the existing Federal-state program on December 31, 1973. This means that the spouse of an aged, blind, or disabled individual will be covered without also having to be 65, blind, or disabled.

3. Assures that no aged, blind, or disabled person will receive lower cash benefits under the new SSI program than he is presently receiving under the existing Federal-state public assistance program by making State supplementation mandatory except for Texas, which has a constitutional prohibition.

4. Authorizes determination of blindness for SSI eligibility to be made by an optometrist as well as an ophthalmologist.

5. Protects essential persons, individuals in medical institutions, and medically needy blind and disabled persons against loss of medicaid benefits under Title XIX of the Social Security Act owing to higher SSI benefits.

6. Assures individuals no longer eligible for cash assistance under the SSI program owing to higher OASDI social security benefits of medicaid entitlement through June 1975.

7. Defers from July 1 until November 1 the effective date of controversial social services administrative regulations unless the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare proposes modified regulations acceptable to a majority of the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance.

8. Exempts the aged, blind, and disabled from the statutory requirement that 90% of funds spent for social services must be used for cash recipients.

Appropriations

Public Law 93-50, which makes supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 1973 included an earmarked appropriation of \$5 million for construction of the National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults. It also

increased the item for grants to the States for public assistance to \$590 million and added \$13.8 million for the education of handicapped children.

A major improvement in the Books for the Blind and Physically Handicapped program administered by the Library of Congress was included in the bill making appropriations for the legislative branch for fiscal year 1974 by the Senate Committee on Appropriations as a result of the united effort of all of the major national organizations of and for the blind. Funds to establish two multi-state storage centers and initiate a computerized national bibliographic service to be operated by the Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped at the Library of Congress were included by the Senate but will be subject to approval by the House of Representatives.

Randolph-Sheppard Act Amendments

Representatives of all of the major national organizations of and for the blind testified in support of legislation to improve the Randolph-Sheppard Vending Stand Act before the Subcommittee on the Handicapped of the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare. Government union representatives continued to oppose the legislation. Recommended improvements were included by Senate in amendments extending and improving the Vocational

Rehabilitation Act but were deleted in conference when the bill, H.R. 8395, was sent to the President in October 1972.

Action on amendments to the Randolph-Sheppard Act during the 93rd Congress has been deferred pending completion of an investigation by the General Accounting Office of vending machine installation and income by and for Government employee unions. The GAO report is expected around the middle of August 1973.

Vocational Rehabilitation

The greatest disappointment of this two-year report period was the action by the President of twice vetoing major legislation substantially improving the Federal-state vocational rehabilitation program. Representatives of AAAB and the other national organizations of and for the blind working together with organizations representing the interests of other handicapped groups had labored to develop substantial improvements, most of which were included by the Congress in the two bills vetoed by the President in the fall of 1972 and again in the spring of 1973.

A substantially reduced bill, H.R. 8070, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, was passed by the House of Representatives on June 5, 1973. It extends the existing Federal-state program through June 30, 1975, with substantially reduced authorizations of appropriations compared to the vetoed bills.

Perhaps the most significant improvement from the standpoint of blind persons is the requirement of priority in services for the severely handicapped.

S. 1875, the Senate bill reported on July 16, 1973, contains lower authorizations of appropriations. It provides for special emphasis in services for the severely handicapped in contrast to the clear priority in the House bill. Both bills authorize special project grants for vocational rehabilitation services for older blind persons in contrast to the more comprehensive provisions in the two vetoed bills, which did not limit these projects to vocational rehabilitation. On July 18, the Senate passed H.R. 8070 after substituting the provisions of S. 1875 for the House-passed version. Congressional staff are hopeful that action can be completed on this legislation before the August recess.

Education of the Handicapped

The vice chairman testified this spring before the Subcommittee on the Handicapped of the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare and the Subcommittee on Select Education of the House Committee on Education and Labor in support of legislation extending and improving the Education of the Handicapped Act. On June 25, 1973, the Senate passed S. 896, a bill extending the Act for three

years through June 30, 1976. The bill increases authorization of appropriations for the various programs under the Act over actual current spending levels in realistic fashion to permit orderly growth. The appropriation for the Education of the Handicapped Act for the fiscal year 1973 was \$143.6 million and the House of Representatives has approved an identical amount for the current fiscal year. The bill also provides for improvements in State plans to assure identification and evaluation of all handicapped children in each State.

The House of Representatives has not yet completed action on similar legislation.

Older Americans Act

On May 3, the President signed Public Law 93-29, the Older Americans Comprehensive Services Amendments of 1973. A substantially stronger bill was pocket-vetoed by the President at the end of the 92nd Congress. It authorizes appropriations of \$543.6 million for FY 1973 through FY 1975.

Of particular importance to AAWB members in the provision for special services to older handicapped individuals contained in the model project provisions of the law. These were developed and supported by the representatives of all of the major national organizations of and for the blind. These special services include: special transportation and

escort services; homemaker, home health, and shopping services; reader services; letter writing services; and other services to assist such individuals to lead more independent lives.

Air Travel Concessions

On June 15, 1972 and again on May 8, 1973, the vice chairman testified in support of legislation which would authorize airlines to transport handicapped individuals at reduced fares in accordance with previously approved Legislative Committee policy. In both cases, the hearings were held by the Subcommittee on Aviation of the Senate Committee on Commerce.

On July 18, 1973, the Senate Commerce Committee ordered the bill reported which would authorize airlines to grant reduced air fares on a space available basis to the elderly and to youth and on a confirmed space basis to the handicapped. It is doubtful that the Senate will complete action before the August recess. The House of Representatives has not yet acted on similar legislation.

REPORT OF THE NECROLOGY COMMITTEE*

Warren Bledsoe, Chairman

Consultant to the Office for the Blind and Visually Handicapped, U.S. Rehabilitation Services Administration

Without objection from the members, your Necrology Committee would appreciate this report being received as part of the Proceedings of this convention, subject to any additions that may be necessary. In offering it I would like to say that I have accepted the chairmanship of this committee not from preoccupation with death, but with life. Toward that end I have said that I hope its name and mission can be changed to the History and Memorial Committee, a proposal to be brought up and discussed at the proper time.

I would like now to read a roster of our colleagues who have been parted from us by death since the last meeting. In so doing I would like to point out that they gave collectively more than 500 years of service to blind people. The precedence of listing is by length of service.

Miss Evelyn C. McKay (1898-1973) spent 48 years in work for the blind, was founder in 1951 of the Louis Braille Foundation for Blind Musicians and its executive director until her death, a member of the staff of the American Foundation for the Blind from 1925 until 1949,

where she was a legislative analyst and associate editor of the Outlook for the Blind. She pioneered certification of home teachers and standard classification of blindness.

Dr. Phedora Jarvis Woods (1893-1973) spent 47 years in work for the blind, was instructor at the Tennessee School for the Blind in 1920-21, was founder and director of the Alabama Association for the Blind in 1922, on the staff of the Oklahoma Commission for the Blind from 1935-37, founder and director of the Atlanta Association for the Blind in 1943, continuing to serve that association until his retirement in 1967. He spent almost half a century working in Southern and border states for black blind people. He held honorary doctor's degrees from Paul Quinn and Morris Brown Colleges.

Herbert E. Smith (1897-1972) spent 45 years in work for the blind. He formed the agency known as Ways and Means to assist blind people to handle their business affairs, among other activities helping blind persons to own their own homes through mortgages. He was named by the Georgia Lions Club

*Subsequent to this report the name of this committee was changed to the History and Memorial Committee.

the state's most outstanding blind citizen.

Mrs. Sammie K. Rankin (1911-1973) spent 39 years in work for the blind, was coordinator of the teacher-consultant program at the Texas State Commission for the blind, in which she fostered the development of the team approach in her office as staff development officer for the agency.

Cortez L. Godshall. 34 years.

Samuel Brown. 32 years.

Gladys Norman. 29 years.

Miss Althea Nichols (1913-1973) spent 28 years in work for the blind, was a teacher of braille and supervisor of sight saving classes in New Jersey from 1936 until 1944, when she left work for the blind for a period of war service, returning in 1953 to be educational counselor and later supervisor of educational counseling in the New Jersey Commission, much beloved and respected for her devotion to blind children and their families.

Eldred J. Nanderfield (1921-1972) spent 27 years in work for the blind, was administrator of the Vocational Rehabilitation Section of the Florida Bureau of Blind Services.

Dr. Samuel Miller Lawton.
26 years.

George J. Emmanuele (1910-1973) spent 25 years in work for the blind. In the Medical and Services Section of the

Florida Bureau of Services for the Blind he was indefatigable in promoting optical aids clinics for the low visioned and developing the interest of ophthalmologists in the furnishing of lenses to the visually handicapped.

DeWitt Corbett spent 24 years in work for the blind. He was one of the original mobility instructors at Hines Hospital and continued until illness forced his retirement.

Miss Christine Backe (1911-1972) spent 23 years in work for the blind from 1949 until 1972, was both a vocational counselor and social worker, holding masters' degrees in both specialties, which she practiced for the Oregon State Commission for the Blind.

Paul Knowles (1903-1971) spent 23 years in work for the blind as Field Representative for Leader Dogs for the Blind of Detroit, Michigan.

Miss Thelma M. Hime (1911-1971) spent 22 years in work for the blind from 1949 until 1971. A much beloved home teacher for the Mercer County Branch of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, she had just received the Woman of the Year Award from the Mercer Business and Professional Women's Association.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Switzer (1900-1971) gave 21 years of service to work for the blind in the various capacities through which she administered and developed social and

rehabilitation programs of the Federal Government. In addition to responsibility for the service program, she presided personally over 46 meetings of a national Advisory Council on research and demonstration, having the final "aye" or "nay" on over 200 grants which spent 12 million dollars in 130 agencies for the blind and institutions of learning.

Neil Reiser (1910-1972) spent 20 years in work for the blind, was director of Development and Public Relations at the New York Association for the Blind during a period of major re-organization of policy and philosophy.

Mrs. Phillis E. Case (1914-1973) spent 18 years in work for the blind, was supervisor of recreation in the Borough of Queens for the New York Association for the Blind, instrumental in establishing a record lending service in the Queensborough Public Library and developed a couples club which assisted married partners to adjust to changes caused by the onset of blindness.

Stewart E. Armstrong (1916-1972) spent 16 years in work for the blind, was superintendent of the Ontario School for the Blind (1956-72) and President of the American Association of Instructors of the Blind 1966-8. In both offices he devoted himself especially to the training of teachers.

The Reverend John G. Hartarvish (1905-1973) spent 16 years in work for the blind

as spiritual moderator for the Catholic Guild for the Blind of Brooklyn. In addition to visitations to blind persons for spiritual counseling Father Kartarvish often spoke publicly as part of the Guild's Public Information Program and edited a monthly column in the Guild's NEWS.

William Diehl (1931-1971) spent 15 years in work for the blind as vocational counselor at the Pennsylvania Bureau for the Visually Handicapped.

Lew Wallace Cramer (1908-1971) spent 10 years in work for the blind as office manager for the Arizona Division for the Visually Impaired. He was a strong supporter for organizations providing a forum for the blind and presenting their needs to the public.

Hugh Gene Brown (1924-1970) gave 5 years of service to work for the blind, was field representative for Guide Dogs for the Blind in Texas, the South and Southwest.

Elliott G. Young (1912-1972) spent 5 years in work for the blind as director of Recreation and Camping Services at the New York Association for the Blind.

Miss Margaret Baker (1919-1971) spent 4 years in work for the blind as administrator of Community Services and the volunteer program for the Catholic Guild for All the Blind of Newton, Massachusetts.

John Strickland (1942-1973) spent 3 years in work for the

blind first at the New Mexico School for the Blind and later for two years at the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind where he was an orientation and mobility instructor.

Miss Annie Menuskin (1888-1971) and her brother Abe Menuskin (1896-1971) of Chattanooga, Tennessee, were not professionally employed in work for the blind, which they manifested in part by membership in the AAWB.

All persons listed above have been members of the AAWB. I would like also to include certain venerable and eminent individuals who in the course of service to humanity have made valuable special contributions answering the needs of blind people.

Dr. Harry Best (1881-1971), a leading sociologist and professor of sociology, was the author of the definitive sociological work "Blindness and the Blind in the United States," unique in its time for its detailed gathering of facts, as recognized when he was recipient of the Migel Medal for this outstanding contribution to the field of work for the blind.

Dr. Lucy Julia Hayner (1898-1971) professor emeritus of physics at Columbia University, designed and constructed the first circular slide rule with braille markings for blind students.

Dr. Derrick Tilton Vail (1899-1973) as chief consultant in ophthalmology during World War

II and later in the Surgeon General's Office in Washington was vigorous and demanding as well as successful in speaking truth to power with respect to the need for a special rehabilitation program for blinded soldiers and thus was the guiding force which resulted in the services made available for them at Valley Forge, Dibble and Avon. He was also author of a classic guide for Layman entitled "The Truth About Your Eyes."

It has been said elsewhere that our field is composed of hewers and hawlers, inventors, counselors of state, shining examples, cynosures and status figures.

The status figures often receive less notice from our field than do individuals playing any of the other roles. Yet they may briefly come on the scene to say or do something so decisive that the whole course of events is determined by them. There is one such individual who died during the last two years whose name should be placed at the end of this roster. On May 31st 1949 President Harry Truman signed a memorandum approving a training program for blinded veterans at Hines Hospital. The question of the center had been the subject of administrative controversy for months, leading to the need for a presidential decision. President Truman was at Independence, Missouri, at the time for the purpose of attending his mother's funeral, but a memorandum asking for approval of the Hines Center was flown out

to him along with other papers. With characteristic dispatch it came back the next day, giving approval for the center. From that action all programs stemming from the Hines program of Russ Williams, Don Blasch and John Malamagian may be said to have stemmed.

Mr. President of this Association and Mr. Chairman of this Meeting, I do not know how many of our membership believe in the immortality of the soul. I for one do. In this connection I would like to add a brief anecdote to this report.

America's great good friend General Lafayette was of course a revolutionary, an 18th Century liberal and a free thinker. And he was as such an agnostic all his life. His wife all her life followed him in everything but this. Straight through the Revolution, the terror and the restoration she never gave up the religion of her girlhood. When it was known that she was dying both her confessor and the doctor told both husband

and wife what was about to happen. Significant questioning and answering glances passed between them. Hers said "Can't you change your mind now?" His, even in this extremity, said, "I am very sorry, but I cannot."

So then she spoke aloud and said, "Well, I shall be very busy for you."

Mr. Chairman, I believe as did Abraham Lincoln, that God intends the Universal Salvation of mankind. And I believe that these friends and colleagues whose actions we have noted so briefly, whether a trillion miles away or in another dimension at our elbows are by their very natures busy for us, and that they would bid us not to be sad in their behalf, but have a joyful convention and make joyful noises. Therefore, I abstain from asking for the usual minute of silence in their honour.

Instead I would like to quote John Donne:

Death be not proud, though some have called thee
Mighty and dreadful, for, thou art not so,
For, those, whom thou think'st, thou dost overthrow,
Die not, poore death, nor yet canst thou kill me.
From rest and sleepe, which but thy pictures bee,
Much pleasure, then from thee, much more must flow,
And soonest our best men with thee doe goe,
Rest of their bones, and soules deliverie.
Thou art slave to Fate, Chance, kings, and desperate men,
And dost with poyson, warre, and sicknesse dwell,
And poppie, or charmes can make us sleepe as well,
And better then thy stroake; why swell'st thou then;
One short sleepe past, wee wake eternally,
And death shall be no more; death, thou shalt die.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dr. Douglas C. MacFarland, Chairman
Director, Office for the Blind and Visually Handicapped

On behalf of your Nominating Committee, which included: Constance Grant, Lyman D'Andrea, Charles Hoehne, Jerry Dunlap, Frank Ryan, Robert Storey, Louis Vieceolo, and Carl McCoy. I have the honor to submit the following nominees for your consideration: for the six national representatives to the board, each to serve a four year term the nominees are Jack Claxton; Constance Grant; William Generette; Ruth Kaarlela; George Magers and Joseph Sullivan. As with any office, nominations will be welcome from the floor during the second general session at the Cleveland Convention on Tuesday, July 24th.

For President-elect the Committee nominated Harold G. Roberts, Associate Director of the American Foundation for the Blind, Inc., and Associate Director of the American Foundation for Overseas Blind. Mr. Roberts currently is the Treasurer for AAWB and has been an active participant on the Board of Directors since 1967. Mr. Roberts has also served most recently as chairman of the Dues and Structure Committee, and played an important role on the Regionalization Committee during the critical years in which the AAWB was reorganized.

For Secretary the Committee nominated Ross C. Purse, currently Assistant General Manager for the Canadian National

Institute for the Blind, and head of its Ontario Division. In the fall Mr. Purse will assume the responsibility of General Manager for CNIB. Mr. Purse has long been an active leader within the American Association of Workers for the Blind and has served the organization with distinction as a member of its Board of Directors and as a member of its Executive Committee. His counsel and wise advice contributed greatly to the effectiveness of the Regionalization Committee, as well as to the successful reorganization process.

Nominated for Treasurer is Burt L. Risley, Executive Director for the Texas Commission for the Blind. Mr. Risley has served numerous organizations, including an appointment by the President of the United States to the National Citizens Advisory Committee on Vocational Rehabilitation, Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation, the National Council of State Agencies for the Blind, and appointed by the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare to the National Board of the AAWB, was Past-president of the Texas Chapter, and as architect of that Chapter, has helped to make this affiliate the largest Chapter within the organization.

REPORT OF THE ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Robert K. Hughes, Chairman
Associate Administrator, Western Pennsylvania
School for Blind Children, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

The Orientation and Mobility Certification Committee met at the Statler-Hilton Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, on Sunday, July 22, 1973 to process applications for certification. Thirty-one (31) applications were reviewed and the following action was taken:

- 3 were approved for Permanent Certification
- 9 were approved for Provisional Certification
- 19 no action taken, pending receipt of additional supporting data

Since the AAWB convention at the John Marshall Hotel, Richmond, Virginia, July 18, 1971, the following people have been approved for certification:

Permanent Certification

Ballard, C. Wallace
Beliveau, Monica
Bell, Nancy
Bergeron, Susan
Chee, Leatrice
Cole, Martha
Corkery, Robert
Dolan, Mary
Dotson, Nancy
Eigler, Judy
Elkstrom, William
Gannon, William
Goodman, Helen
Guidry, Tilden
Harvin, Earnest
Higgins, Michael

King, Larry
Knight, Wayne
Kopitsky, Joseph
Kucera, Bette
Lasky, Harry
Lessard, Kevin
Maruele, Anthony
Montgomery, Robert
Moore, Frank
Morrison, Kenneth
O'Connor, Patricia
Parrish, John
Quillman, Robert
Scheel, Paul
Scheffel, Robert
Stealey, Sue
Stephens, Noel
Steward, Donald
VonHandorf, Richard
Ward, Charles
Yocum, Phillip
Ziff, David

Provisional Certification

Appel, Gail
Barlow, Beverly
Beard, David
Bennehoff, Ronald
Berinati, William
Boyle, Mary
Brown, Michael
Caldwell, Matthew
Caron, Jan
Carroll, Antoinette
Cavanaugh, Mary
Como, James
Corbett, Michael
Dailey, Robert
Davis, Raymond
Dechaine, Gary
DePiano, Darlene

Provisional Certification--
Continued

DeRubis, Donald
 Devereaux, Karen
 Dillon, Michael
 Dyer, Charleye
 Elias, Helen
 Esposito, Robert
 Evans, Patricia
 Ferraro, John
 Ferraro, Sandra
 Floyd, Janet
 Fluharty, William
 Forman, Edward
 Gamble, Kevin
 Gienau, Ellen
 Gillis, James
 Grant, Ilene
 Healy, Gene
 Heekin, Polly Ann
 Herron, Michael
 Hill, J. Allen
 Jacobson, William
 Keblbek, Elizabeth
 Kessler, James
 Kroleski, Patricia
 Lawless, Mary Ann
 Lee, Stephen
 Leeder, William
 Luken, Charles
 Lyon, Sharon
 MacLeod, Ruth
 McClintock, Raymond
 McConville, Edward
 McCoy, Margaret
 McGraw, J. Loretta
 McLaughlin, Dan
 Mayer, Monty
 Memmel, Terrance
 Morse, Kathleen
 Nathan, Jeannette
 Nelson, Daniel
 Newby, Orrin
 O'Connor, Patricia
 O'Shaughnessy, Thomas
 Reed, Marianne
 Ridgway, Robert
 Robinson, Eddie
 Ryan, Daniel

Saber, Gala
 Sanford, Stephen
 Schneider, Nancy
 Siffermann, Eileen
 Smith, Audrey
 Sullivan, William
 Syverson, Philip
 Terzieff, Ivan
 Thompson, Thomas
 Todd, Karen
 Wallace, Bruce
 Warrick, James
 Webster, Diane
 Welker, Mary Lou
 Williamson, Ted
 Willits, Patricia
 Wood, Daniel
 Wright, Charles
 Young, Christine

Since the inception of this Committee in 1969, a total of 420 applications have been received, resulting in the following action:

163 individuals are permanently certified
 201 individuals are provisionally certified
 18 individuals have not been approved
 38 applications are pending

Respectfully submitted,

Robert K. Hughes, Chairman
 Robert Crouse
 John Malamazian
 Robert Smith
 Bruce Blasch
 Berdell Wurzbarger

REHABILITATION TEACHERS'
CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Vera J. McClain, Chairman
Instructor, Rehabilitation Teacher Training Program
Florida State University

The following applicants have
been approved for certification:

Elizabeth Cantwell
Mrs. Johnette Bartholomew
Howard W. Goodwin, Jr.
Carol L. Haunz
Betty J. Lujan
Wanda Larman
Phyllis Y. Mullens
Barbara Purcell
Alice E. Tillman
Mrs. Rita G. Walker

Recommendations have been
submitted for fifteen other
applicants and are awaiting
board approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Vera J. McClain, Chairman
Ruth Kaarlela
Neil Schuman
Gordon Surret
Louise Cowans
David Armijo

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

McAllister C. Upshaw, Chairman

Resolution 1

WHEREAS, Lucian Louis Watts
was instrumental in organizing
the Virginia Association of
Workers for the Blind in June
of 1919 and served as its
Treasurer and General Manager
from then until his retirement
on June 1, 1973, and

WHEREAS, Lucian Louis Watts
was the moving force behind the
creation of the Virginia Com-
mission for the Visually Handi-
capped in 1922 and served as
its Executive Secretary until
his retirement from State
employment on June 30, 1956,
and

WHEREAS, Lucian Louis Watts is
a life member of the American
Association of Workers for the
Blind, was made a Kentucky
Colonel at the 1935 Convention
and served as its President
from 1935 to 1937, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That
the American Association of
Workers for the Blind in Con-
vention assembled on this 25th
day of July, 1973, commends
Lucian Louis Watts for his
more than fifty years of active
and outstanding service and
leadership in the field of work
with blind persons, both in
Virginia and throughout the
United States and the Americas,
and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Lucian Louis Watts and that this resolution be recorded in the permanent records of the American Association of Workers for the Blind.

Resolution 2

WHEREAS, There is constant need to utilize varied methods and techniques to communicate new and different ideas, systems and services to the membership of the American Association of Workers for the Blind for the eventual benefit of blind and visually handicapped persons, and

BE IT RESOLVED, That this body expresses its appreciation to the Program Committee of 1973 for the adoption of the seminar, workshop medium into this year's program and that similar opportunities for individual input and participation by the membership be considered for inclusion in an even greater extent in future biennial meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

McAllister C. Upshaw, Chairman
Joseph Kohn
L. A. McClintock
Wesley D. Sprague

REPORT OF THE WORLD COUNCIL FOR THE WELFARE OF THE BLIND

M. Robert Barnett
Vice President of the World Council for the Welfare
of the Blind and Chairman of the United
States Delegation

Since the last report to the American Association of Workers for the Blind on behalf of the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind at the Richmond Convention in 1971, some changes have occurred in the make-up of the United States Delegation. The six organizations who have representative members on the Delegation have not themselves changed, but certain of the individuals whom they nominate have been succeeded by others.

As of this report, the current members of the United States Delegation are:

American Association of
Workers for the Blind
Cleo B. Dolan; Cleveland,
Ohio

Association for Education of
the Visually Handicapped
Carl Davis; Watertown,
Massachusetts

National Federation of the
Blind
Kenneth Jernigan; Des Moines,
Iowa

American Council of the Blind
Floyd Qualls; Oklahoma City,
Oklahoma

Blinded Veterans Association
James F. C. Hyde; Washington,
D.C.

American Foundation for the
Blind

M. Robert Barnett; New York,
New York

Of the above group, two were part of the North American Delegation of the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind Executive Committee Meeting at Moscow in May 1972. They were Messrs. Dolan and Barnett, and at the time, Judge Reese Robrahn, then president of the American Council of the Blind. Other North American members of the Executive Committee were Sra. Elisa d'Stahl of Guatemala and Mr. Arthur Magill of Canada.

Many matters of professional policy and WCWB administrative affairs were reviewed at the Moscow meeting, but since these details are readily available in other publications, there is no need to repeat them in this report.

It is especially important, however, to note that it was decided to hold the next quinquennial general assembly at Sao Paulo, Brazil, in August 1974. This will be the first time in nearly a quarter of a century of its existence that the Council's assembly will occur in Latin America. Not only is it vital that the United States be represented by its official delegation, but also it would be of considerable value if other North Americans could arrange to attend as observers. Individuals wishing more information about the local arrange-

ments or the assembly program should contact either the Chairman of the United States Delegation, who is

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ments)

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Those who have had opportunities to participate in these meetings have found them to be highly stimulating, as well as informative. In fact, there is a noticeable increase among Americans in work for the blind about international activities, and the Brazil meeting should be a dramatic opportunity to get better acquainted, especially with our Latin American neighbors.

One other development should be reported. Using the auspice of the American Foundation for Overseas Blind, a meeting was arranged in New York City on April 17, 1973 of representatives of government, sectarian and other voluntary organizations in the United States, who

include some kind of aid to blind persons in foreign countries in their programs. The meeting resulted in greater knowledge of each other's activities and policies, and with an enthusiastic agreement to cooperate more in

the future in the exchange of information and possible coordination of effort.

Respectfully submitted,

M. R. Barnett, Chairman

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

1973 AAWB MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Roy Kumpke, L.L.D., Agency Membership Chairman
Executive Director, Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind, Inc.

The American Association of Workers for the Blind has again shown a substantial increase in its membership. The leadership under Mr. Cleo Dolan as President and Mr. Charles Hoehne as general membership chairman has been strong and active. However, the major portion of the credit for such an outstanding membership year goes to the chapter and non-chapter membership chairman and their committees, who are the driving force in membership recruitment.

Looking back ten years, the membership of AAWB was 1,194. Five years ago the membership was 1,526 and today* we have 3,375 individual members. Our membership has doubled in the last five years and has doubled in the last five years and has increased by over 550 members since our last biennial meeting.

At this time I would like to present in numerical order the individual membership standing

of the chapter and non-chapter units.

Chapter Memberships

Texas.....	344
Pennsylvania-Delaware.....	258
Ohio.....	218
Oklahoma.....	202
New York.....	194
New England.....	190
Florida.....	149
D.C.-Maryland-	
West Virginia.....	126
Virginia.....	125
Michigan.....	117
Illinois.....	106
Arkansas.....	102
Northern California.....	99
Southern California.....	97
New Jersey.....	88
Tennessee.....	85
Georgia.....	79
Mississippi.....	79
Louisiana.....	74
Alabama.....	71
Arizona.....	70
North Carolina.....	62
Great Plains.....	69
Missouri.....	58
Rocky Mountain.....	55

* As corrected for press date.

Northwest.....	54	Iowa.....	3
South Carolina.....	29	Australia.....	2
Minnesota.....	23	Mexico.....	1
		Nevada.....	1

Non-Chapter

Canada.....	62	On behalf of Charles Hoehne and myself we would like to express our deep appreciation to all of you who have assisted in the massive endeavor to maintain and increase memberships during the current membership years.
Kentucky.....	36	
Wisconsin.....	24	
Indiana.....	20	
Kansas.....	7	
Hawaii.....	6	

PRESENTATION OF THE ALFRED ALLEN AWARD

To

J. Kenneth Cozier

Presentation by

Peter J. Salmon
The Industrial Home for the Blind

J. Kenneth Cozier

J. Kenneth Cozier, who lost his left eye at two, and all but five percent vision in his right eye when he was in his late 40's, is a successful businessman who has also been a leader in raising standards of services for blind people. He has been president of the Cleveland Society for the Blind, a member of the Ohio Commission for the Blind, a trustee of the Ohio Society for the Prevention of Blindness and is a trustee of the American Foundation for the Blind. Perhaps more important than any of these, he served as a member of the Commission on Standards and Accreditation of Services for the

Blind (COMSTAC) which developed and codified the first nationally accepted standards for the management and programs of agencies and schools for blind Americans. In addition to his overall participation in the work of COMSTAC, he served on the COMSTAC Committee on Standards for Library Services. These standards were later officially adopted and disseminated by the American Library Association as well as being included in the standards administered by NAC.

He was a member of the Board of the National Accreditation Council, COMSTAC's successor, from its inception, serving as

treasurer and later as Vice President. He left the Board in June, 1973, in accordance with NAC's policy of rotation. Both on COMSTAC and NAC he worked vigorously for standards that would assure sound financial management and public accountability of agencies for blind people. As a layman he pointed out to AAWB the professional's responsibility for improving services and respecting the integrity of every blind person. At the same time he has worked for better services for all disadvantaged people as the list below attests. He has been a modest leader who has quietly made many contributions to religious and social work agencies. He has jokingly said that whatever financial success

he may have had was due to the fact that, with less sight, he could concentrate better. His leadership and support have been an important factor in continued efforts to strengthen and improve services to blind people nationwide.

He has received the following awards:

Distinguished Service Award--
Cleveland Welfare Federation
Distinguished Service Award--
University of Nebraska
Distinguished Service Award--
United Appeal of Cleveland
Man of the Year Award--The
Plymouth Church of Shaker
Heights, Ohio
The Alfred Allen Award--AAWB
at its convention in
July 1973

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WORKERS FOR THE BLIND, INC.

Presents to

KENNETH COZIER

THE ALFRED ALLEN MEMORIAL AWARD

In Appreciation of Outstanding Service
to Blind Persons

Presented this 25th Day of July, 1973

In the City of Cleveland, Ohio

ACCEPTANCE OF THE ALFRED ALLEN AWARD

J. Kenneth Cozier

A very pleasant good afternoon to all of you. Thank you Peter for those very generous remarks. I wish they were all deserved.

There was an old English custom where the oldest member of the family inherited all the wealth, the second oldest all the brains and the third oldest all the beauty. I hasten to say I am the youngest of seven children.

I am deeply touched by this significant award but I feel I am hardly deserving in receiving it for I know there are many other volunteers in America and Canada that are more deserving than I. Nevertheless I will remember this moment and cherish this award for the rest of my life.

I would like to think this award is not given to me alone but that I received it on behalf of all the volunteers of America and Canada. Those very devoted people who give so much of their energy, time, thought, and substance to improving the work for the blind. They are God's children and will have many stars in their crown when they go to

heaven. There are quite a number of volunteers in the audience today and I would like to have them stand and let's give them a hardy round of applause.

Also I would be thoroughly remiss if I did not offer a generous and enthusiastic accolade to the professional people here today. Those highly trained individuals who with their skill, understanding, dedication, and patience do so much to help the newly blinded person to restore his confidence and regain his successful place in the mainstream of life. You are great people and must be very happy for as you know happiness stems from two main sources; one the sense of accomplishment and the other providing service to your fellowmen. You can and do experience both. Congratulations and our heartfelt thanks for the marvelous work you are doing for the blind. My hat is off to you.

Thanks again from the bottom of my heart for this award and this exciting moment. Now I am going to sit down before I fall off cloud 9.

PRESENTATION OF THE JOHN H. MCAULAY AWARD

To

Nicholas Williams

Formally with Internal Revenue Service as Coordinator
for the Employment of the Handicapped

Presentation by

George Magers

Specialist, Division of Services for the Blind,
Rehabilitation Services Administration

It is, indeed, both a privilege and a pleasure to participate in the AAWB Awards Ceremony during the membership luncheon this year. It is especially gratifying to be able to present the John H. McAulay Award to a person who has exhibited the kind of interest and dedication which was close to Mr. McAulay's heart.

All of us in vocational rehabilitation deeply appreciate employers and their personnel officials who become true believers in the philosophy that employing well-trained, qualified blind persons is good business. Nick Williams, in his work in the central office of the Personnel Division, Internal Revenue Service, has certainly demonstrated his belief in hiring blind people. For a decade he has devoted both time and effort beyond the normal call of duty in the business of fostering the successful rehabilitation of blind and visually handicapped Americans. Please permit me to summarize just a few of these efforts.

In the early 60's, he commenced his efforts with the development of a personnel manual chapter specifically aimed at the selection and employment of blind persons within the Internal Revenue Service. This was the first such effort for specific personnel procedures within any Federal agency.

He was a stimulating force in the development of the program for the selection, training, and placement of blind persons as taxpayer service representatives. His continued interest and personal efforts have brought this program to the point where IRS now employs more than 100 TSRS and that agency has recently indicated a commitment to increase that program to include an additional 100 employees.

Nick Williams was one of the moving forces behind the development and implementation of what has become to be known as the Washington Conference on the Employment of the Blind

in the Federal Government. This is just another example of how this man has helped to stimulate the employment of blind and visually handicapped persons in a widening range of Federal agencies.

Nick, the AAWB, meaning all of us who know and love you, are proud to present the 1973 John H. McAulay Award to you.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WORKERS FOR THE BLIND, INC.

Presents the

JOHN H. MCAULAY AWARD

To

NICHOLAS WILLIAMS

For Outstanding
Achievement in the Placement
of
Blind Persons

1973

ACCEPTANCE OF THE JOHN H. MCAULAY AWARD

Nicholas Williams

I am deeply humble and grateful for being honored on this occasion as the 1973 recipient of the McAulay Award. All this is possible through the inspiration and leadership of such men as Roy Kumpe, George Magers, whose comments today in making the presentation have been most gracious and over-generous. Without them and many others throughout the

land, this would not have been possible. Not the least of these is Dr. Douglas McFarland, with whom I made a trip in 1966 to Little Rock in connection with the possibility of starting a program to train the blind as Taxpayer Service Representatives. With this humble start two blind persons were trained at the Arkansas Enterprises for

the Blind in Little Rock. Since 1967, over 100 blind Taxpayer Service Representatives have been trained and placed in Revenue Service offices in 40 states of the Union. It was Fred Johnson, now retired but then the IRS District Director in Little Rock, who conceived the idea that the blind could function as "TSRs" as well as the sighted.

This award is emblematic of the hundreds of Revenue employees who have been dedicated to make this program the success, in some measure, that it is. Already the IRS has dedicated itself to training and placing

another 100 or more blind employees in the foreseeable future. Past is prologue. I accept this award with the knowledge that it was made possible through the outstanding leadership of the members of AAWB where excellence prevails and those dedicated civil servants in Revenue Service who have given encouragement and who continue beyond the horizon in working cooperatively and effectively with the blind, knowing full well that they are as effective as the sighted. This award is really symbolic of the many challenges that lie ahead. I am deeply humble and appreciative.

PRESENTATION OF THE PAST PRESIDENTS AWARD

To

Oklahoma Chapter

Accepted by

Jerry Maynard, President of the Oklahoma Chapter
of the American Association of Workers for the Blind, Inc.

Presentation by

Louis Leines, Jr., Director

Health and Social Services Division, Office
of Civil Rights, Department of Health, Education and
Welfare, Washington, D.C.

I was delighted when President Dolan asked me to present the first Past President's Award. First, because it gives me the opportunity to renew acquaintance with so many old friends with whom I used to work on a regular basis, but of more importance, because I think the Past President's Award symbolizes the change which has taken place in the philosophy of the American Association of Workers for the Blind over the past decade. This change recognizes that the true strength and effectiveness of the Organization is dependent upon the interest, dedication, and support of individual members working together through State Chapters. This makes it possible for the vitality of the Association to flow from the grass roots up to the national leadership so that the decisions and the actions of the national leadership are based upon a realistic understanding of what blind people need and want.

Two years ago in Richmond, the Committee of Past Presidents met at the suggestion of Norm Yoder to consider what action it could take through the establishment of an award supported by the past Presidents which would be of greatest significance to the Association. Several alternatives for individual awards were considered, but it was unanimously agreed that the development of strong State Chapters was the single, most important factor in assuring the ever increasing vitality, influence, and responsiveness of the Association as a whole. It was, therefore, recommended by the past Presidents and approved by the Board of Directors that the Past President's Award would be presented to that Chapter which during the year had made the most significant steps in the following areas: growth of membership, innovation in program content and

participation in legislative activities of concern to blind people. It is our hope that competition for this Award will be keen, for the keener the competition the greater the success of AAWB.

It is with real pleasure that I present to Mr. Jerry Maynard,

representing the Oklahoma Chapter of the AAWB, the first Past President's Award recognizing the outstanding achievements of the Oklahoma Chapter. All of the Past Presidents join me, Jerry, in extending to every member of your Chapter our heartiest congratulations.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE PAST PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Jerry Maynard

Mr. President, honored guests, and fellow AAWB members: Oklahoma is very proud to be the first recipient of the Past President's Award. We are especially grateful to Roy Kump for his interest and help in making the Oklahoma Chapter a reality.

Four years ago there were only two AAWB members in our state. Then in 1969 a small group of us started a membership drive to see if we could get enough support to form a chapter. In 1970, with 65 members, we received our chapter.

Each year we have been able to show a substantial growth in membership as this year we have 207 members. We have high interest and excellent support from our local members. Each year we have held annual state meetings and hosted the regional meeting in Oklahoma City in June, 1972.

We believe that in order to have a viable organization

with fewer dropouts you must keep the membership informed and on a personal basis. For this reason we initiated a quarterly newsletter in October, 1971. We have had good response and participation in this endeavor. Through the newsletter we are able to give personal glimpses of individual members and keep them informed of chapter projects which we think contributes to a more cohesive membership. Also, particular attention is given to news articles showing how AAWB is working for its members.

In order to continue growth we have instituted three policies. First, we present memberships to the graduating seniors at the Oklahoma School for the Blind. Second, we also present memberships to trainees completing vending stand training. The cost to the chapter is minimal if you can gain an active member. Third, our best means of gaining new members is by individual word of mouth. We have an active membership

drive each year relying on work at the local level. We believe in AAWB and the Oklahoma Chapter will continue to strive to promote the purposes and goals of AAWB.

Again, thank you for honoring us with the Past President's Award.

AWARD BANQUET

PRESENTATION OF THE AMBROSE M. SHOTWELL
MEMORIAL MEDAL AND SCROLL

To

ROBERT S. BRAY

Former Chief of the Division for the Blind and
Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress

PRESENTATION BY

Irvin P. Schloss

Coordinator of Governmental Relations, American
Foundation for the Blind, Inc.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is both a great honor and a source of deep personal satisfaction for me to present the Ambrose M. Shotwell Distinguished Service Award of the American Association of Workers for the Blind to Robert Stuart Bray, the man whose outstanding leadership has made library service a reality for many thousands of blind and severely handicapped people in the United States. It is always personally satisfying to pay public tribute to a good friend and respected colleague. But in this case, I also happen to be an avid consumer of library service for the blind. I want--on this occasion--for myself and for several hundred thousand other blind people to say, "Thank you, Bob Bray, for your grasp of your job, your dedication, your initiative, your responsiveness, and your dynamic approach to librarianship in a unique kind of library service.

We who are blind are the beneficiaries of these attributes, which made your leadership of the Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped of the Library of Congress so great, so productive."

And we must acknowledge our appreciation to Betty Bray, whose own ability, understanding, and support was so essential in enabling her husband to meet the challenges and demands of his work so effectively.

This is a particularly unique occasion which, I hope, the historians of AAWB will duly note. Not only are we presenting the 31st Shotwell Award to an individual with an exemplary record of more than 37 years of public service. But for the first--and, perhaps, the last--time in AAWB history, the presentation is being made by an ex-entomologist to an

ex-zoologist! Bob Bray and I remember the days when a bug was a type of insect.

It is fitting that we are honoring Bob Bray at this Cleveland Convention of AAWB, for he is a native son of Ohio and was born in Cincinnati on September 9, 1915. In 1928, his family settled in Washington, D.C.; and Bob attended high school and college there, graduating from George Washington University in 1941 with an A.B. degree in zoology.

While working his way through college, Bob Bray got his first experience in library service, starting as a page in the District of Columbia Public Library in May 1935 and working as a circulation assistant before he left in September 1940. Shortly thereafter, he joined the staff of the Library of Congress as a messenger; and after graduation from George Washington University, he decided to make library science and technology reading room, and assistant in charge of a unique wartime checklist of technical publications from enemy countries available in American libraries.

From 1944 to 1946, he served in the Navy as assistant communications officer and signal officer aboard the U.S.S. Hamul, a repair and supply ship servicing destroyers, mostly in the South Pacific. He entered the Navy as an ensign and was discharged as a lieutenant (j.g.).

Returning to the Library of Congress in 1946, Bob served as

head of the Exchange Section of the Exchange and Gifts Division until 1948, when he was appointed assistant chief of the Card Division. During most of 1949, he was on leave of absence from the Library, participating in a physics abstracting study with the American Institute of Physics. For the first six months of 1950, he worked on a special project for the Central Intelligence Agency.

Resuming his active career at the Library of Congress in July 1950, Bob was made assistant chief of the Navy Research Section, which became part of the Technical Information Division. He was appointed chief of that division in March 1956 and remained in that position until May 3, 1957, when he was appointed chief of the Division for the Blind.

I first met Bob Bray very shortly thereafter while I was Executive Director of the Blinded Veterans Association. He called to introduce himself, and we had lunch at a restaurant called the Zebra Room--I didn't know then of his training in zoology.

Since that first meeting, I have had the pleasure as a colleague, consumer, and friend of observing the great expansion of the Books for the Blind program. And I must add that the expansion of service and available reading material has sometimes resulted in frustration. At that first luncheon, I suggested to Bob the possibility of recording a

regular Talking Book anthology of the best articles from Harper's, The Atlantic, The Saturday Review, and similar magazines. At that time, there were only two or three magazines available on Talking Book. As those of you who follow the program know, those three magazines and many more are now regularly available in braille and on records; and I am frustrated by not having the time to read the ones I want and books too. Of course, the significant thing is that a variety of reading material to suit a wide cross-section of reading taste in the blind population is available.

Let me illustrate growth in library service to the blind with a few figures. In 1957, when Bob Bray took over the program, the annual appropriation was \$1,000,000, the staff of the Division consisted of 22 persons, and there were 28 regional distributing libraries. In December 1972, when Bob retired, the appropriation was \$8.9 million, the staff had increased to 99, and there are 51 regional distributing libraries and 70 state and local subregional libraries. Growth like this in a Federal program does not occur spontaneously, even in an obviously essential program like library service for the blind. It takes a Bob Bray to sell it to his superiors, to sell it to the Congress, and to sell it to state and local people to assure effective grass roots implementation.

As you know, the Congress in 1966 enacted two important laws.

One covered into the Books for the Blind program physically handicapped individuals who cannot read conventional printed material. These included persons with serious visual handicaps who are not legally blind. The other law amended the Library Services and Construction Act to provide for grants to the states for library service to the handicapped. As an active participant in the process which led to the enactment of these laws, I want to acknowledge the indispensable assistance of Bob Bray as a key participant. And equally important, he took the leadership in the library community to implement these laws. His effort is responsible for the increase in regional and subregional libraries and the increase in readership to some 400,000 people--most of whom are visually handicapped.

During his entire career, Bob Bray has been an active participant in many organizations related to his field of interest. In addition to serving as Chairman of the American Library Association's Round Table on Library Service to the Blind, he organized and has served as Chairman of the Library Committee of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped. He has been an active member of the AAWB, the Association for the Education of the Visually Handicapped and the National Rehabilitation Association. He has served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the American Foundation for the Blind

and as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Accreditation Council of Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped.

Among the many awards he has received in recognition of his accomplishments are the Migel Medal of the American Foundation for the Blind in 1963, the Apollo Award of the American Optometric Association in 1968, and the Distinguished Service Award of the Library of Congress in 1969. In 1972, the Pacific University at Forest Grove, Oregon, conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

Late last spring, Bob and Betty Bray moved to Sanibel, Florida, where Bob is actively pursuing a longstanding interest in field ornithology--otherwise known as bird-watching. I understand Bob and Betty have been touring the island on a tandem bike, with Bob doing the pumping. They have always enjoyed taking vacation trips in their camper and are planning to continue this activity.

Last week I had occasion to chat with Bill Thompson, a former colleague at BVA whom Bob and many of you in the audience know. When I told him that Bob was getting the Shotwell Award tonight, he was understandably delighted and said, "You know, under Bob Bray, the Division for the Blind and Handicapped is one government agency which was really responsive."

Responsiveness to readers' needs is undoubtedly the key trait which Bob Bray has demonstrated, for it was the motivating force behind the brilliant and creative leadership which characterized his tenure as Chief of the Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

Bob, on behalf of your colleagues in AAWB, I have the honor, the privilege, and the pleasure of presenting to you the Ambrose M. Shotwell Award for your outstanding and devoted service to blind persons throughout the United States.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WORKERS FOR THE BLIND, INC.

LUX EX TENEBRIS

To

Robert S. Bray

As director of the National Library Program for the Blind, your active concern and creative concerted effort has helped to stimulate unparralled growth at all levels, National, State, and Local, and the adoption of numerous technological innovations which improved the quantity and quality of the reading materials offered to the blind.

In recognition of your outstanding achievements, we proudly present you with the

AMBROSE M. SHOTWELL MEMORIAL AWARD

in the City of Cleveland, Ohio, on this 24th day
of July in the year of our Lord 1973

President

Chairman Awards Committee

Executive Director

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AMBROSE M. SHOTWELL AWARD

Robert S. Bray

Mr. President, Honored Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen: I accept this award gratefully, humbly and with that rare depth of thanks and appreciation which I realize at this moment can come only with retirement. In so doing I am more keenly aware than ever of the years of effort, confidence and cooperation that have been bestowed upon me by my staff, my many colleagues in many professions and the legions of readers they have assisted and inspired me to serve.

My thanks to you, Irv Schloss, for those very generous words. I might say your coverage of your subject was typically thorough and is further evidence of the great work you are doing in Washington. You may know, Ladies and Gentlemen, that the recipient of the Ambrose Shotwell Award is further honored by being allowed to pick the person who will make the presentation. From the very outset of my years in work for the blind, Irv Schloss has been a friend on many counts: as a fellow worker for the blind, as a man who likes good food, as a fellow zoologist when we harked back to college days, and as a reader and concerned critic of our library materials. When I chose Irv I knew he would do his homework well and would dispense the information he unearthed with grace and discretion! Thank you again, Irv.

Again, I thank you of AAWB for the honor and recognition

you have bestowed upon me tonight. In addressing you for the first and perhaps the only time I now have the opportunity to express my admiration for AAWB. Its membership, and this audience tonight contains more people with whom I have worked than any other association possibly could.

Most of my career was spent in the Library of Congress. The first five years, however, were in a menial capacity with the District of Columbia Public Library. The hours were convenient for my working for my college degree; besides, I liked both books and people and was to discover that I liked particularly getting books and people together. As a messenger, scorned by the professional staff and specifically forbidden to consult directly with readers about books, it was I, in fact, who delivered the book to the reader, who saw his reactions and heard what he said about the book, who saw him either scorn it or take it home or sit for hours and pour through it. It was frequently I whom he asked for the book on future occasions and who knew just where to get it for him. This is how real librarians are nurtured, not in graduate schools yearning for administrative jobs.

I went to the Library of Congress in 1940 and began at the bottom all over again.

This time there were more directions to go in and further to go in all of them. I have held a wide variety of positions in virtually all departments and have spent literally many years in direct service to members of the public or in answering written inquiries. At no time did I cease to practice a sort of personal librarianship by retaining and developing expertise in the literature of certain subjects of interest to me. One does not become a truly effective library program administrator by getting good grades, sitting near books and protecting one's status. One must get involved. I realize now that my entire previous career was, in effect, just good training for that memorable day in 1957 that I joined in work for the blind. I have, since that day, continued to apply the lessons and principles learned in those years to this work--apparently with some success!

I attended my first AAWB Convention that summer in Chicago. For the first time I met and began to work with many of you who are here tonight. You will want to hear about one of our Regional Librarians whom I met for the first time: Carl Christenson from Wayne County, Michigan, a braille reader and a good friend. He has passed away but he would want you to know this evening how he indoctrinated this new fellow from the Library of Congress. Carl liked workshops, as I do, and enjoyed the library group meetings. But when it came

to sitting row on row and having a paper read at you, Carl lost interest. He proposed that we go to his room for a drink. I accepted and had the good sense not to offer to be bar tender as is often the case when we are out with our blind friends. Carl got two standard hotel drinking glasses and the J & B and got to work. He hooked the third joint of his index finger over the rim of the glass and poured until it touched the tip of his finger and gave the resulting drink to me. He did the same for himself. For seconds, he hooked the first joint of his index finger over the rim and repeated the process. A short time later he suggested a walk around the Loop. We did. Have you ever walked around the Loop on a July afternoon under those conditions!

It was apparent in 1957 that you wanted a vigorous library program together with more materials going to more readers through more outlets. History said it was time and the statistics said the need was there. My staff and I have attempted to do just this. There were about 29 on the Division staff in those days. There are 99 now. There were 26 Regional Libraries (two in several states) and today there is no state without some degree of direct involvement in library service. Nearly every state has its own base library, and several have branches in order to get service closer to the community. The annual budget of the Division was about one million dollars,

today it is nearly ten million; then and now, 90% of these monies goes for actual books, apparatus and related publications to provide direct, personal service to readers. There were about 45,000 readers in 1957; today it is about 250,000. There are many thousands yet unserved. I cite these few figures to show you that effective library service to blind people is a cooperative, program business involving good staff work at many levels. Money is important; but money alone won't buy a program. People--AAWB people--make a program. As long as we work together, and work for our readers and not ourselves, we cannot fail.

I have worked, directly or indirectly, with nearly everyone in this audience tonight. I owe you all an apology and an explanation which I intend to make to you now. I could do this alphabetically beginning with Autry in Arkansas and going on through Smitty in Wyoming, but you all know what I am saying when I remind you that over the last fifteen years you have often wondered what I was up to from time to time. I have not always been a model of tact, discretion and clarity of communication. But it has been to the best of my ability and within the limited resources of our staff. I hope you will forgive me. Let us ask ourselves: "Is there any state that has not seen improvement and growth in its library resources?" This is really what it has all been about. I thank you one and all, for me and for my staff, for

your understanding, patience and cooperation over the years.

I wish now to take advantage of my possession of the podium to make two introductions that are important to you and to me at this point in our mutual endeavors. First, may I introduce my successor, Mr. Kurt Cylke. He is eminently qualified for this task and I have every confidence in him and the staff that I leave to him in the years ahead. I ask that you afford him the same courtesy, cooperation, understanding and fellowship that you have given me so generously over the years. The second introduction is closer to my heart than you can realize. But I know you will understand when I simply ask that Charles Gallozzi stand and be recognized. He has been my associate throughout my term of service to blind people. No more capable or loyal assistant can be imagined. He has been loyal to the program to a degree that even you do not fully realize. No thanks I could give him would be adequate, but I know he understands what I am saying.

Just a few months ago in an operating room in Fairfax County Hospital I was given a second chance at life. An operation that normally requires about three hours lasted for over seven. I expect the surgeon was one of us. At any rate he reminds me of what many volunteer braillists do when they undertake the impossible: it just takes a little longer! I intend to make the best of

this second chance. I will be busy somewhere, somehow getting books and people together, continuing to enrich my own library knowledge and experience, and being active in work for the blind whenever I have the opportunity. All the evenings of all the tomorrows will pose the same question that has presented itself on all the yesterdays: "To whom have I been of service today?"

But our future is not wholly determined by our health and I can share a personal secret with you this evening. I was eligible to retire in 1970. I had 35 years of service when I reached the age of 55, a rare situation in either the public or the private sector. Economically speaking, I have been working for nothing since then. But one does not shrug off a career lightly, especially in work for the blind as many of you have already discovered, or will in the years ahead. I made a secret promise to my wife that I would retire sometime in 1973. Our four sons are married and away, and there is the whole world to visit. I had not picked a time but with my instinct for procrastination I intended to make it as late in 1973 as possible; besides there are lots of interesting things happening in our work in October, etc., etc. Then the events that I have mentioned took place. It was still, and

always will be the most literally agonizing decision I ever made--and I made it alone. In all candor, I feel tonight and I expect I will always feel deep down that I walked out on my staff and on you, my friends and colleagues even though it is not the case. In regaining everything, I have suffered terrible losses. But many of you know what this is like, so I can just say that this is the final indoctrination.

I have one last favor to ask of you. Throughout the years while I was visiting you in your agency in your state, or county or city and working with you in our common cause there was one person who stayed behind and waited. May I ask that you do me one more honor tonight and applaud Mrs. Bray. Thank you.

Thank you again for the Ambrose Shotwell Award. You have reinforced my great belief in the future success of this program and of all programs for blind persons. Best wishes to the American Association of Workers for the Blind and to the Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped of the Library of Congress.

PRESENTATION OF THE LARRY BLAHA AWARD

To

STANLEY SUTERKO

Associate Professor, Institute of Blind Rehabilitation
Western Michigan University

Presentation By

Warren Bledsoe
Specialist, Division of Services for the Blind
Rehabilitation Services Administration

You will all doubtless remember that at the AAWB Convention of 1971 the Orientation and Mobility Interest Group approved the idea of requesting the gift of the gold handle of Sir Francis Campbell's cane from Mr. Fred Parry, great-grandson of Sir Francis. This was in order that it be rehabilitated by fitting it with a new shaft and that it become an honored talisman to be passed from one Blaha awardee to another. I am pleased to say that Mr. Parry kindly consented to yield the gold handle for this purpose. The reconstruction was accomplished through the good offices of the 1971 recipient of the award, Mr. William Debetaz, and you see the result.

You will notice that the cane is slender (the handle was only 1/2 inch in diameter) and it may seem short to you. However, Sir Francis was a small man, and a cane of about this length would have been longer than a common walking stick, though not as long as those we use in training blind people today. We have a picture of Sir Francis

wearing a sword and Nelson hat and knee breeches the day he went to be knighted by King Edward VII in July 1909. His cane appears to have come up about as far as his hip bone, so we can assume that like most expert blind travelers on foot he used some approximation of the Hoover technique.

I will remember at the AAWB Convention in Baltimore in 1947 Dr. Richard Hoover first presented his technique to the general meeting. Mrs. Mary Dranga Campbell, daughter-in-law of Sir Francis Campbell, was there. She beckoned to me and said, "I want to see that young man."

When Dick Hoover came before her (she was the kind of grande dame who could make the head waiter at the Ritz tremble) she said, "Dr. Hoover, you are the first person since my father-in-law who has had the slightest grasp of the kind of physical training blind people need."

We know comparatively little

about the methods of orientation and mobility used by these independent blind people of long ago who got there on their own, but what we know points to the long cane. Beside Sir Francis we have another example in the famous English road engineer John Metcalf, called "Blind Jack of Knaresborough." He made a fortune building public roads, and his ability to get about by himself astonished his contemporaries. An old print of him shows him holding a cane which seemed to be higher than his hat. As it is a three-quarter picture, we do not know if it went all the way to the ground, but at least it was uncommonly

long and he is holding it proudly.

Sir Francis' cane was only a little longer than an ordinary walking stick as we have said. But we can surmise that he used the extra length with some of the skill taught today from a remark made by an observer who said of the cane: "It has brains, it can almost talk; it ought to be allowed to vote."

Stan, I cannot imagine a more fitting recipient of it or of the Blaha Award than you, a really great teacher of the blind.

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH FOR THE LARRY BLAHA AWARD

Stanley Suterko

Receiving the Lawrence Blaha Award makes me feel deeply honored and humbled to be selected for the distinction that it symbolizes. This award makes me recall the many years of association I had with Larry, both socially and professionally. I came to know Larry in 1947 when I started working at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Hines, Illinois. I also worked with Larry at Western Michigan University until 1964, when he left to establish a Mobility Instructors program at California State College at Los Angeles.

Reflecting back on those early years of association with

Larry made me acutely aware of the camaraderie developed amongst the pioneers in the field. These first instructors had a real belief and dedication in the importance of the service they were rendering. In those early days they had to work in an atmosphere exhibiting anything from a passive resistance to outright vocal rejection toward what they were doing.

No doubt, this kind of atmosphere, plus a sincere desire to increase their knowledge and improve the kinds of mobility skills they were teaching, caused these early instructors to have many closed meetings, dialogues, and experimentation

with the various aspects of orientation and mobility. I feel rather privileged to have been a member of this early minority group as far as the field of the blind was concerned.

There is no doubt that these early discourses and free exchange of ideas among the pioneers, plus the outsiders criticisms, contributed significantly to the positive growth to each member of the group. It is in this vein that I humbly accept this award--a recognition that all those with whom I have had the privilege of being associated with in this field have played a role in any growth that I have achieved. So may I take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of my associates who have contributed so significantly to my knowledge and understanding in this specialty.

At the risk of unintentionally omitting some deserving individuals, I would like to give due recognition and thanks to the following individuals who have contributed so much to my growth: Larry Blaha, Russ Williams, Dee Corbett, John Malamazian, Don Blasch, Lloyd Widerberg, Eddie Mees, and all other past fellow workers at the Blind Rehabilitation Section of Hines Hospital. Also my present associates at Western Michigan University, namely,

Don Blasch, Lloyd Widerberg, Marv Weessies and Betty Rittersdorf, all of whom keep me on the straight and narrow through their inquisitive questions of why something is done a certain way and readily offering what they call constructive criticism if it does not seem proper.

I also owe a sincere debt of gratitude to all of the students who have gone through our program with an inquisitive mind and challenging attitude, thus forcing one to seek a greater depth of knowledge in his specialty. Last, and certainly not least, the many blind individuals I have been privileged to work with who have taught me so much, not only in the area of mobility, but also in the total capabilities of individuals without sight.

To me this award will always be emblematic of the cooperative and mutual effort of many individuals contributing to one another in quest for the highest quality of mobility services that is possible. Very humbly and most sincerely, I say thank you for this recognition in memory of one who had contributed so much to our area of specialization.

OFFICERS OF INTEREST GROUPS

1971-1973 - 1973-1975

GROUP 1

Administrative and Executives of Public and Voluntary Agencies
serving blind persons at national, state and local levels,
and Board Members of governing bodies

Officers for 1971-1973

Chairman - Lloyd A. McClintock
Chairman-elect - William T. Coppage
Secretary - J. J. Rusk

Officers for 1973-1975

Chairman - William Coppage
Program Chairman - J. J. Rusk
Secretary - Barry McEwen

GROUP 2

Rehabilitation and Employment Services

Officers for 1971-1973

Chairman - Allen T. Sykes
Chairman-elect - Ralph Bishop
Secretary - Hugh C. Russel

Officers for 1973-1975

Chairman - Ralph Bishop
Chairman-elect & Program Chairman - Hugh Russel
Secretary - Claude Seales

GROUP 3

Social Case Services*

Officers for 1971-1973

Chairman - Frances Crawford
Chairman-elect - Frederick Vieni
Secretary - Vera J. McClain

* Changed to Social Case Services. See Group 11.

Officers for 1973-1975

Chairman - Sebastiano LoPresti
 Chairman-elect - Mildred Stern
 Secretary - Bernice White

GROUP 4

Educational Services

Officers for 1971-1973

Chairman - Dr. Saul Freedman
 Chairman-elect - Neil Freeling
 Secretary - Sister Bernadette Wynne

Officers for 1973-1975

Chairman - Dr. Saul Freedman
 Chairman-elect - Neil Freeling
 Secretary - Sister Bernadette Wynne

GROUP 5

Literary and Library Services

Officers for 1971-1973

Chairman - Myrtle Garris
 Chairman-elect - Martin F. Droege
 Secretary - Virgil E. Zickel

Officers for 1973-1975

Chairman - Martin F. Droege
 Program Representative - Myrtle Garris
 Secretary - Virgil E. Zickel

GROUP 6

Group Services - Recreation, Day Centers, Residences

Officers for 1971-1973

Chairman - Mrs. Mildred Stern
 Secretary - Dr. Fred L. Crawford

Officers for 1973-1975

Chairman - Mr. Chester T. Williams
 Program Representative - Mrs. Grace Neal Cashwell

GROUP 7

Music and Piano Technology

Officers for 1971-1973
(No elections held)

INACTIVE

Officers for 1973-1975
(No elections held)

GROUP 8

Public Relations

Officers for 1971-1973
Chairman - Paul C. O'Neill
Chairman-elect - Mrs. Patricia S. Smith
Secretary - Robert M. Boston

Officers for 1973-1975
Chairman - Ruth Sherman
Don Vest
Alan Ables
Mary Jane O'Neill
Robert Boston

GROUP 9

Orientation and Mobility

Officers for 1971-1973
Chairman - Robert J. Crouse
Chairman-elect - Bruce B. Blasch
Secretary - Francis D. Ryan

Officers for 1973-1975
Chairman - Francis D. Ryan
Chairman-elect - Bill Weiner
Secretary/Treasurer - Janet Floyd

GROUP 10

Business Enterprises

Officers for 1971-1973
Chairman - Harry Cotton
Chairman-elect - James G. Camp

Officers for 1973-1975

Chairman - James G. Camp

Program Chairman - Jim Goodwin

GROUP 11

Rehabilitation Teachers

Officers for 1973-1975

Chairman - Audrey Davis

Chairman-elect - Miss Billie Elder

Secretary/Treasurer - Rebecca Quillman

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
OF THE
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WORKERS FOR THE BLIND

Adopted by the Membership, July 31, 1961, at St. Louis, Missouri

Amended, July 30, 1964, at New York, New York; Amended, July 25, 1966, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Amended, July 12, 1967, at Miami Beach, Florida; Amended, July 7, 1968, at Toronto, Ontario, Canada; Amended, July 23, 1969, at Chicago, Illinois; Amended, July 19 and 21, 1971, at Richmond, Virginia; Amended, July 25, 1973, at Cleveland, Ohio.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Name

The Association shall be known as the American Association of Workers for the Blind, Incorporated.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The purpose of the American Association of Workers for the Blind shall be to tender all possible assistance in the promotion, development and improvement of services to blind persons in the Americas and the insular possessions of the United States by:

Section 1. Increasing public understanding of the social and economic gains to individuals and to the nation through pro-

viding opportunities for all blind persons to become self-sufficient, self-supporting and contributing members of society.

Section 2. Providing a forum on a national, regional and/or local level for the discussion of all problems relating to services to blind persons and the prevention of blindness and providing publications and conferences to accomplish this purpose as may be developed.

Section 3. Encouraging an interdisciplinary approach to problems of services to blind persons through the maximum use of knowledge and skills of all related professions.

Section 4. Fostering research to advance knowledge and skills for the improvement of services to all blind persons.

Section 5. Assisting in the development of professional training opportunities for all persons engaged in providing services to blind persons.

Section 6. Assisting in the development of professional standards for personnel engaged in the specialized program of services to blind persons.

Section 7. Initiating, if necessary, and co-operating with other groups in the development of programs of social action through legislation or in other ways, for the benefit of blind persons.

Section 8. Interpreting to other disciplines an understanding of the special needs resulting from blindness and encouraging maximum use of their knowledge and skills in our specialized field.

Section 9. Increasing public understanding of the nature and causes of blindness, its impact on individuals and on society.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1. All persons living in the Americas and the insular possessions of the U. S. interested in services to blind persons are eligible for regular membership in the American Association of Workers for the Blind. Interested persons residing outside these geographical limits are eligible for associate membership.

Section 2. Classes of membership are defined in the By-laws.

Section 3. The membership shall serve as the law-making and policy-making body of the American Association of Workers for the Blind, Incorporated. It shall elect the Board of Directors and Officers of the Association.

Section 4. The membership shall be convened for at least one national meeting each year, to and including 1969. Membership meetings shall be held biennially, on odd numbered years.

ARTICLE IV

Officers of the Association

Section 1. The Officers of the Association shall consist of a President, President-elect, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2. The Officers, except the President, shall be elected at the biennial meeting of the membership. The President-elect shall succeed to the office of President without election.

Section 3. The Officers shall serve a term of two years, except that the Secretary and Treasurer may be re-elected for an additional term of two years. Officers may be re-elected after a two-year waiting period. Officers shall assume their duties following the last business meeting of the national meeting at which they were elected.

Section 4. Election of Officers shall be held as provided in Article VII and in the By-laws.

Section 5. Duties of the Officers are defined in the By-laws.

ARTICLE V

Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers of the Association, the Immediate Past-President, twelve other elected members, and members who qualify as representatives of chapters, in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution and the terms of the By-laws.

Section 2. Members elected to the Board of Directors shall serve a term of 4 years and shall not be eligible for re-election until after a waiting period of two years. The 6 members of the Board elected thereafter at the biennial meeting shall serve terms of four years, with the exception of the representatives of the state or local chapter members.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall serve as the governing and policy-making body of the Association between meetings of the membership.

Section 4. The Board shall meet not less than twice during a calendar year at the call of the President, or of three other members of the Board. Additional meetings held as necessary for the conduct of business of the Association shall be called as provided above.

Section 5. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business.

Section 6. The President, or in his absence, the President-elect, the Secretary, the Treasurer (in that order) shall preside over meetings of the Board of Directors.

Section 7. The Board shall elect from its members four who shall serve as members on the Executive Committee. Two of the four shall be from those who are elected at biennial meetings, and they shall serve on the Executive Committee for two years. The other two shall be elected from chapter representatives, and they shall serve on the Executive Committee for not more than two years. (See Article VI.)

Section 8. The Board of Directors shall review and act upon the budget of the Association, as recommended by the Executive Committee.

Section 9. In the event that any elected Officer or member of the Board is unable to serve for any reason, the Board shall elect from its members or the members-at-large a person or persons to fill out the unexpired term of such elected Officer or Board member, except in the case of the President, which office shall be filled by the then President-elect. In the event both the President and the President-elect are unable to serve, the Board of Directors shall elect one of its members to fill out the unexpired term of the President. It shall be the responsi-

bility of the senior member of the Board, in terms of service on the Board, to call and chair a meeting for the purpose of such election, said meeting to be held not later than two weeks after the positions of President and President-elect become vacant.

ARTICLE VI

Executive Committee

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Officers, the Immediate Past-President and four members of the Board elected by the Board (see Article V, Section 7).

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall serve in place of the Board of Directors between meetings of the Board and shall exercise all of the powers of the Board. It shall meet on call of the President, its presiding officer, or on call of two other members of the Committee, but no less than twice annually.

Section 3. Five members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business.

Section 4.a. The Executive Committee shall employ the Executive Director of the Association, define his qualifications, delineate his duties, fix his compensation and otherwise supervise his activities.

b. The Executive Committee may appoint an Assistant Executive Director, who shall assume the duties and responsibilities of

the Executive Director in his absence or incapacity. The Assistant Executive Director shall assume the duties and responsibilities only for such term as may be designated, in writing, by the President or the Executive Committee.

Section 5. The Executive Committee shall approve and supervise the annual budget of the Association, as prepared by the Executive Director.

Section 6. The Executive Committee shall report its activities and decisions to the Board of Directors for ratification.

ARTICLE VII

Nominations and Elections

Section 1. The President, upon assuming office, shall appoint a Nominating Committee of nine from among the membership and shall designate its chairman.

Section 2. The Nominating Committee shall prepare an appropriate slate of Officers and directors for the approval of the membership at the next biennial meeting in accordance with provisions in the By-laws. In preparing a slate of Officers and Directors, the Nominating Committee shall provide the fullest possible representation from interest groups and shall seek to maintain on the Board and among the officers a good balance of representation from the various regions of the Americas.

Section 3. The Chairman shall present at the first general session of the biennial meeting the slate of officers chosen by the Nominating Committee. At the second general session there shall be opportunity for additional nominations from the floor for Officers and Directors of and by members in good standing. The members of the Nominating Committee shall serve as election officers, and all voting shall be conducted according to provisions of the By-laws.

ARTICLE VIII

Provisions for By-Laws

Section 1. To supplement this Constitution the membership shall adopt By-laws which are not inconsistent with this document.

Section 2. By-laws may be adopted by a majority vote of the membership present and voting, in accordance with provisions of the By-laws.

ARTICLE IX

Amendments to the Constitution

Section 1. Amendments to this Constitution require a 2/3 vote of the membership present and voting at the Biennial Membership Meeting of the Association.

Section 2. Amendments may be initiated as follows:

a. Amendments may be proposed by a majority of the Board of Directors or may be presented by

a member, and be signed by 15 members in good standing. In each case a suggested amendment shall be mailed at least 30 days before a vote is taken. The mailing shall be done by the Executive Director, upon instructions of the Corporate Secretary.

b. Amendments may be proposed by any members of the Association at the biennial meeting. If the amendment so proposed is approved by a majority of the members present and voting, it shall be referred to the Board of Directors for study and recommendation and shall be presented for adoption or rejection at the next biennial meeting of the membership. If ratified by a 2/3 majority of those present and voting at that meeting it shall become immediately effective.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

Membership Dues and Privileges

Section 1. Classes of membership shall be as follows:

a. Regular Membership: Any eligible person living in the Americas or in the insular possessions of the United States may make application for regular membership to the Executive Director. Annual dues of \$20.00 shall be paid before the applicant can qualify as a member.

Regular members shall have the privilege of voting, of holding office, serving on committees and will receive all publications of the Association and any other privileges developed by the Association.

b. Life Membership: Any person who qualifies as a regular member may become a Life Member by lump sum payment of \$300.00 in from two to ten consecutive annual installments of from \$150.00 to \$30.00 each. He shall then have full privilege of membership without further payment of annual dues.

c. Honorary Membership: Any person may be elected an Honorary Member of the Association by the Board of Directors and shall have all privileges of regular membership, except that of voting.

d. Associate Membership: Associate memberships shall be comprised of the following, with dues as shown:

Interested persons residing outside the Americas and insular U.S. possessions

\$10.00

Students who are enrolled part-time or full-time in courses of higher education but are not presently employed in work with blind persons

\$5.00

Associate members shall receive publications and have all the privileges of membership except

that of voting in meetings of the Association.

e. Group Membership: Organization memberships shall be comprised of the following, with minimum dues as shown:

Service clubs or similar bodies wishing to lend moral as well as financial support to the Association

\$ 25 per yr.

Sponsor agencies

\$100 per yr.

Sustaining agencies

\$200 per yr.

Patron agencies

\$300 per yr.

Benefactor agencies shall be any which contribute \$500 or more a year.

Clubs, agencies and other bodies holding group memberships shall have one set of publications mailed to a designated officer. Representatives of such groups may attend national meetings of the Association but will have no vote unless they also hold Regular or Life Memberships.

Section 2. Interest Groups of Regular Members:

a. Continuation and formation of special interest groupings of the membership shall be encouraged in order to promote professional standards and improvement of services to blind persons. Each member shall select the interest group of his choice and so indicate to the Executive Director. Present groups are as follows:

1. Administrators and Executives of Public and Voluntary Agencies serving blind persons at national, state and local levels and Board Members of governing bodies.

2. Rehabilitation and Employment Services.

3. Social Case Services.

4. Educational Services.

5. Literary and Library Services.

6. Group Services--recreation, day centers, residences.

7. Music and Piano Technology.

8. Public Relations.

9. Orientation and Mobility.

10. Business Enterprises.

11. Rehabilitation Teachers.

b. Each group will meet biennially at a time which will not conflict with the general sessions or other activities of the biennial meeting. Each group shall elect a chairman, a secretary, and a chairman-elect who shall serve as a member of the Program Committee (see Article V). These group officers shall serve for a term of two years, or until their successors are elected at the next biennial meeting, except that the chairman-elect shall succeed to the office of chairman without election.

c. Each member shall be entitled to membership in only one special interest group in a membership year, but may attend meetings of any or all other interest groups as he may desire. He may not, however, have the privilege of voting in any interest group except the one to which he belongs.

d. New interest groups may be formed by at least 50 members of

the Association in good standing who shall sign an appropriate request form, to be provided by the Executive Director, for consideration by the Board of Directors. If the establishment of the new group is approved by the Board, the members signing the request form will automatically become members of the new group, thereby cancelling their memberships in the interest groups to which they belonged at the time of signing the petition.

e. Continuation of all interest groups shall be dependent upon:

- a. A minimum enrollment of 50 members.

- b. A quorum of 25 members present and voting at the biennial meeting of the interest group.

- f. The status of interest groups failing to meet the above minimum requirements for a period of two consecutive biennial meetings shall automatically be subject to review by the Board of Directors, looking to termination or merger of the group with another appropriate interest group.

g. At conventions, the Executive Director shall provide registered members with identification badges which shall include the number of the interest group to which each member belongs. Badges shall be worn at all business meetings of the Association and interest groups.

ARTICLE II

Officers--Duties

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the membership, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. He shall be the responsible Executive Officer and will administer the affairs of the Association between meetings of the Executive Committee and will supervise the activities of the Executive Director in accordance with policies and understandings developed by the Executive Committee.

The President will appoint Committees, both Standing and Special, in accordance with the provisions of Article V of the By-Laws.

Section 2. The President-elect shall serve as assistant to the President and will preside at meetings of the membership, the Board and the Executive Committee in the absence of the President.

He shall serve as Chairman of the Program Committee for planning the program of the biennial meeting of the Association.

Section 3. The Secretary shall be responsible for the records of the Association and shall have the Minutes of meetings prepared in proper order. He shall see that records are transmitted to his successor when his term of office is completed. He shall see to it that the activities of the Association are carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and the By-laws.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall be the chief financial officer of the Association. He shall see to it that an annual budget is prepared by the Executive Director and shall approve disbursements, both budgetary and non-budgetary, in accordance with policies established in the By-laws, or by the Executive Committee. He shall be bonded and shall see that proper bonding policies for employees or Officers of the Association are maintained.

He shall see that regular financial statements are prepared in accordance with recognized accounting principles and shall report to the full membership at each biennial meeting.

ARTICLE III

The Board of Directors

Section 1. The responsibilities of the Board of Directors are specifically outlined in the Constitution. Any additional responsibilities or policy matters not covered by the Constitution and not specifically delegated elsewhere shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The election of the Board of Directors shall be held in accordance with provisions of Article VI of the By-laws.

ARTICLE IV

Executive Committee

Section 1. Duties of the Executive Committee are outlined in the Constitution.

ARTICLE V

Committees

Section 1. Special Committees: The President is authorized to appoint, from time to time, special committees to make studies or to consider specific questions related to the work of the Association and he shall designate Chairmen of all committees he appoints except as otherwise provided in Sections 2 through 11 of this Article. He may appoint special committees on his own initiative or at the request of the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors or by a vote of the membership.

Section 2. Nominating Committee: This committee shall be constituted as directed in Article VII of the Constitution and Article VI of these By-laws.

Section 3. Program Committee: This committee shall be appointed by the President in consultation with the newly-elected President-elect, who shall serve as chairman of the Committee, and shall also include the members designated by each of the interest groups. Its size may vary, but the number serving thereon shall not be less than the total of those chosen to represent the officially recognized interest groups.

The principal task of this committee is to plan and prepare, with the full assistance of the Executive Director, a program for the next biennial meeting of the Association.

Section 4. Legislative Committee: This committee shall be appointed by the President to represent the Association in legislative programs at Federal and State levels which are of significance in services for the benefit of blind persons.

Section 5. Awards Committee: This committee shall be composed of the three Immediate Past Presidents who are able and willing to serve, and two members of the Association who shall be appointed by the President. The President will also designate the Chairman. The committee is to select a candidate for the Shotwell Medal and a candidate for the Alfred Allen Memorial Award and recipients of any other awards to be made by the Association.

Candidates for the Shotwell Award shall be those whose leadership and service have exerted influence on a national or international scale. Candidates for the Allen Award shall be those whose character and dedication epitomize the spirit and quality of direct service to blind persons.

Section 6. Membership Committee: The President shall appoint a Committee, and shall designate its chairman, which will assist the Executive Director in developing and carrying out a membership program for the Association.

Section 7. The Ethics Committee is to supervise the administration of the Code of Ethics of the Association, and to make recommendations for its modification to the membership and to handle any other matters relating thereto; provided, however, that because of the establishment of the National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped, and the desire of the Association to support this Council in every way possible and not to duplicate its functions, the Committee shall become inoperative unless, and until, its reactivation be authorized by majority vote of the membership at a national meeting. Use of the Seal of Good Practice shall be discontinued until such time as it is restored by membership vote in accordance with direction by the Board.

Section 8. Resolutions Committee: A committee of five members appointed by the President to receive resolutions from the members at the National Meeting and to present resolutions for action by the membership at its National Meeting.

Section 9. History and Memorial Committee: A committee of five members appointed by the President following the biennial meeting. This committee shall report to the membership at the next biennial meeting the names and a resume of the work of members of the Association who have died since the last biennial meeting, and shall be responsible for

maintaining the history of the Association.

Section 10. Certification Committees: Two committees of not more than six members each appointed by the President for the purpose of certification of rehabilitation teachers and orientation and mobility specialists, respectively.

Section 11. Braille Committee: A joint committee of AAWB, AEVH, and NBA, consisting of specialists in Braille notation appointed jointly by the Presidents of AAWB, AEVH, and NBA together with such other members as may be necessary. It shall organize itself as it deems appropriate. An Advisory Council to this committee shall also be appointed jointly by the Presidents of AAWB, AEVH, and NBA.

Section 12. Editorial Committee: For the purpose of planning, producing and publishing professional literature in the field of services to blind persons, this committee shall be appointed by the President, who shall serve as its chairman. It shall be composed of no less than five nor more than nine members of the Association, including the Immediate Past-President and such members as are experienced in publication work. In addition, not more than four similarly experienced non-members may be appointed by the chairman as consultants to the committee. As the first order of business at the first meeting convened by

a new chairman (i.e., the President) existing guidelines for the committee's work shall be reviewed and revised as necessary, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

Section 13. Chapter and Regional Organization Committee: A committee of from five to nine members appointed by the President who shall designate the chairman thereof. This committee shall assist and advise the National Office Staff in any way possible to stimulate the organization of chapters and in developing and carrying out regional meetings and workshops. This committee shall report at least twice each year to the Board of Directors on progress made and results achieved, together with any recommendation it may have for accelerating the establishment of chapters. By 1971, or earlier if the number of chapters exceeds 20, the committee shall undertake a thorough review of the total organizational structure and make recommendations for change as may be appropriate for the development of a regional structure and appropriate representation of the membership to assure the most effective pattern to advance the mission of the Association.

ARTICLE VI

Nominations and Elections

Section 1. The President, upon assuming office, shall appoint a Nominating Committee of nine from among the membership and shall designate its chairman.

Section 2. At the first general session of the Biennial Convention, the presiding officer shall call for a report of the Nominating Committee, which shall then present its slate of Officers and Directors.

a. On convening the second general session of the Biennial Convention, the presiding officer shall call on the Chairman of the Nominating Committee to read again the slate of candidates presented at the first session. Upon completion of the slate presentation, the presiding officer shall call for additional nominations from the floor for the office of President-elect. If there be none, a voice vote shall be called for, and if affirmatively carried, the candidate shall be elected.

b. Next, the presiding officer shall call, in turn, for additional nominations from the floor for the offices of Secretary and Treasurer. If there be none, a voice vote shall be called for, and if affirmatively carried, the candidates shall be elected.

c. Next the presiding officer shall call for additional nominations from the floor for Directors. If there be none, a voice vote shall be called for, and if affirmatively carried, the slate of Directors shall be elected.

Section 3. Whenever additional nominations for any office or directorship are made from the floor, such names shall be recorded by the

Nominating Committee together with the position for which each is nominated, provided both nominator and nominee are members in good standing, and provided the nominee gives his consent, verbally or in writing, to be nominated.

a. The Nominating Committee, under the direction of its chairman, shall immediately arrange for a secret ballot and proceed to have prepared printed ballots that will include, in alphabetical order, the name of the Committee's candidate(s) and name or names of other qualified nominees clearly designated as to position for which each is a candidate. (See sample ballot appended to these By-laws.)

b. The Chairman of the Nominating Committee or the officer presiding at the second general session shall instruct the membership as to where, when and how the secret ballot will be conducted.

Section 4. Following the second general session, between the hours of 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. (or such other hours as the Executive Committee shall approve), a room previously designated and equipped with necessary paraphernalia shall be declared open for balloting, which members of the Nominating Committee shall supervise.

a. Registered and badged members shall cast their votes during the designated time only. Members who are blind may bring a friend or ask an election

supervisor to assist them in preparing and casting their ballots.

b. Upon closing of the polls, the Nominating Committee shall count and re-count the ballots and announce the results at the awards banquet when called upon by the presiding officer. The officer candidate in each case receiving a plurality of votes cast, and the specified number of Director candidates with the highest number of votes cast, shall be elected.

c. In the event of a tie in balloting for any officer or director, the outgoing President shall cast the deciding vote.

d. All ballots shall be retained by the Chairman of the Nominating Committee in the safe of the convention headquarters until the results have been announced.

Section 5. The terms of Officers shall be for two years, except that the President shall not be elected and the President-elect shall succeed to the office of President at the completion of the President's two-year term of office.

Section 6. The Board of Directors shall be elected for terms of four years, on a rotating basis, six members being elected at each biennial meeting. The six members of the Board elected at the biennial meeting shall serve terms of four years, with the exception of the representatives

of the state or local chapter members. If a member of the Board of Directors is nominated as an Officer, and accepts the nomination, he must resign from the Board of Directors before the election so that another person may be nominated for the Board of Directors in his place.

ARTICLE VII

Budgetary and Fiscal Control

Section 1. In addition to the membership fees, the Association may accept gifts or donations from interested individuals or organizations for the general purpose of the Association or for specific projects.

Section 2. All income shall be received and receipted for by the Executive Director. All monies shall be deposited in a savings account or accounts selected by the Treasurer and approved by the President. All funds deposited shall be reported to the Treasurer in a manner to be determined by the Executive Committee.

Section 3. Regular expenditures of the Association shall be made in accordance with a budget prepared by the Executive Director, with cooperation of the Treasurer, and approved by the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors as provided in Articles V and VI of the Constitution. Withdrawals from this account shall be made on a quarterly or shorter basis as directed by the Executive Committee in accordance with a budget approved by the Executive

Committee; all withdrawals shall be signed by the Executive Director and countersigned by the President or Treasurer of the Association and such funds shall then be deposited in a checking account or accounts and shall then be dispersed in accordance with the approved budget over signature of the Executive Director. By appropriate Board action, funds may also be withdrawn from the savings account for purposes of investment or purchase of equipment.

Section 4. Non-budgeted expenditures in excess of \$250 must have the approval in writing of the Executive Committee. At the discretion of the Executive Committee, the Executive Director may maintain a rotating petty cash account not to exceed \$250.

Section 5. The fiscal year shall be the same as the membership year, January 1 to December 31.

Section 6. Regular financial statements shall be prepared by the Executive Director under directives from the Treasurer, and in accordance with recognized accounting principles, for submission to the Executive Committee at intervals to be determined by the Executive Committee, but at least quarterly. The Treasurer shall make a full financial accounting to the membership at the National Meeting of the Association.

Section 7. The accounts of the Association shall be audited annually by a recognized

Certified Public Accountant selected by the Board of Directors.

Section 8. The Treasurer will be custodian of all monies and securities of the Association, but may transfer, sell or purchase securities only with the approval of the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII

Chapters

Section 1. Chapters may be organized and represented on the Board of Directors under the following policies, with the proviso that where it is not practical for a chapter to be organized within a state, one may be organized composed of either two or more states, or parts of a state, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors:

a. That all members of a chapter shall be members of the AAWB in good standing.

b. That a chapter shall include: a minimum of 50 members in a jurisdiction with a population in excess of 2,000,000; 30 members in a jurisdiction with a population of 1,000,000 to 2,000,000; 20 members in a jurisdiction with a population of 500,000 to 1,000,000; and 10 members in a jurisdiction with a population of less than 500,000 (the foregoing population counts to be based on the most recently approved U.S. Census).

c. Upon certification to the Board of Directors that a chapter is appropriately registered and that the required number of members are current in dues payment, each chapter shall be entitled to name one of its members to the Board of Directors with the following exception: that chapters with 100 members or more shall be entitled to name two members to the Board of Directors.

d. That the Dominion of Canada shall be authorized to organize a chapter on the same basis as a state with more than 2,000,000 population.

e. That each chapter shall be expected to meet at least once per year.

f. That chapters agree to aid in planning and to support and to participate in regional meetings sponsored by AAWB in their area.

g. That chapters agree to collect all dues for individual members, all payments for installments on life membership and all dues from organizations within their jurisdiction which may wish to become members thereof. The chapter shall retain 1/5 of the aforementioned dues and payments, except that, in the case of agency memberships (sponsor, sustaining, patron and benefactor agencies), chapters shall retain only 1/5 of the minimum dues for a sponsor agency. In case of agency memberships billed by and paid directly to the National headquarters, the chapter within whose jurisdiction that agency is located shall be reimbursed by the

National Headquarters in the amount of 1/5 of the minimum dues for a sponsor agency. Where a payment of individual dues, payments for or installments on life membership have been made to the National Headquarters for any calendar year, and subsequently during the year a chapter is organized, the payment shall be considered as a payment for membership in the chapter and 1/5 of the payment shall be returned to the chapter. All such payments retained by or returned to the chapter shall be used exclusively for the purposes directly related to the strengthening and expansion of the work of a chapter and for the advancement of the mission of the American Association of Workers for the Blind.

ARTICLE IX

Parliamentary Authority

Section 1. This Association, except as otherwise provided in its Constitution and By-laws, shall be governed in all its meetings by parliamentary law as contained in ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER, REVISED.

Section 2. Upon opening the biennial meeting, the President shall announce the name of the qualified member who is registered for the convention and who has agreed to serve as Parliamentarian.

ARTICLE X

Quorum

Section 1. At any biennial or special meeting of the Association, 5 percent of the Regular and Life members present and in good standing shall constitute a quorum. At any meeting of the Board of Directors, a majority of the Directors shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE XI

Amendments to the By-Laws

Section 1. These By-laws may be amended at any regular Biennial Business Meeting by a majority vote of the members present and voting, provided:

a. That the amendment has been approved by the Board of Directors; or

b. That the amendment has been proposed in writing and signed by twenty-five (25) members in good standing.

AAWB OFFICIAL BALLOT

Place an X on short line following candidate of choice

FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT
(Vote for One)

(Names in alphabetical order, including Nominating Committee slate name(s) and other(s) nominated from floor)

FOR SECRETARY
(Vote for One)

FOR TREASURER
(Vote for One)

FOR DIRECTOR
(Vote for One)

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(e.g., to fill unexpired terms on Board of Directors)

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SUSTAINING, PATRON AND BENEFACITOR AGENCIES

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- Adult Home and Association for the Blind, 3289 Grove Street, Denver,
Colorado 80211
- Alabama State Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, 2129 East South
Boulevard, Montgomery, Alabama 36608
- Albany Association for the Blind, Inc., 301 Washington Avenue, Albany,
New York 12203
- Allen Wayne Rehabilitation Center for the Handicapped and Blind,
227 East Washington Boulevard, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802
- American Foundation for the Blind, 15 West 16th Street, New York,
New York 10011
- American Printing House for the Blind, 1839 Frankfort Avenue, Louisville,
Kentucky 40206
- Arizona Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped,
1016 North 32nd Street, Phoenix, Arizona
- Arizona State Department of Public Welfare Division of Rehabilitation
for the Visually Impaired, 1632 West Adams Street, Phoenix,
Arizona 85007
- Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind, 2811 Fair Park Boulevard, Little
Rock, Arkansas 72204
- Arkansas Rehabilitation Services for the Blind, 1801 Rebsamen Park
Road, Post Office Box 3781, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203
- Association for the Blind of Rochester and Monroe County, 422 South
Clinton Avenue, Rochester, New York 14620
- Atlanta Area Services for the Blind, Post Office Box 8277, Station F,
Atlanta, Georgia 30306
- Blind Industrial Workers Association of New York State, Inc, 1072 Bergen
Street, Brooklyn, New York 11216
- Braille Institute of America, Inc., 741 North Vermont Avenue, Los
Angeles, California 90029

- Brooklyn Bureau of Community Services, 285 Schermerhorn Street, Brooklyn,
New York 11217
- Bureau of the Blind, Delaware Commission for the Blind, 305 West 8th
Street, Wilmington, Delaware
- Bureau of Services for the Blind Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission,
4656 Heaton Road, Columbus, Ohio 43229
- California State Department of Rehabilitation, 714 P Street, Sacramento,
California 95814
- Camp Hill Lions Club, 1714 Market Street, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania 17011
- Canadian National Institute for the Blind, 1929 Bayview Avenue, Toronto,
Ontario, Canada
- Carroll Rehabilitation Center, 770 Centre Street, Newton, Mississippi
02158
- Catholic Center for the Blind, 22 East 71st Street, New York, New York
10021
- Catholic Guild for the Blind, 191 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, New York
11201
- Catholic Guild for the Blind, of the Archdiocese of New York, 122 East
22nd Street, New York, New York 10010
- Cattaraugus County Association for the Blind and Visually Handicapped,
Inc., 116 North Barry Street, Olean, New York 14760
- Center for the Blind, 36th and Lancaster Avenue, Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania 19104
- Center for Independent Living, 310 East 15th Street, New York, New
York 10003
- Central Alabama Rehabilitation Center, 2125 East South Boulevard,
Montgomery, Alabama 36111
- Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind, 1850 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago,
Illinois 60608
- Choice Magazine Listening, 125 Main Street, Port Washington, New York
11050
- Christian Record Braille Foundation, 4444 South 52nd Street, Lincoln,
Nebraska 68516

Cincinnati Association for the Blind, 2045 Gilbert Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45292

Colorado Department of Social Services, Division of Rehabilitation, 705 State Services Building, Denver, Colorado 80203

Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind, 2021 14th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20009

Community Services for the Blind, Inc., 1530 Queen Anne Avenue, North, Seattle, Washington 98109

Connecticut Institute for the Blind, Oak Hill School, 120 Holcomb Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06112

Connecticut State Board of Education and Services for the Blind, 170 Ridge Road, Wethersfield, Connecticut 06109

Cleveland Society for the Blind, 1909 East 101st Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dallas County Association for the Blind, 3940 Capitol Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75204

Dallas Services for Blind Children, 3802 Cole Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75204

District of Columbia Social and Rehabilitation Administration, 122 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001

Department of Human Resources, 301 Ashe Avenue, Raleigh, North Carolina 27606

Division of Rehabilitation Services for the Blind, 8th Floor, State Capitol Bldg., Lincoln, Nebraska 68509

Doylestown Lions Club, Doylestown, Pennsylvania 18901

Episcopal Guild for the Blind, 157 Montague Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201

Evansville Association for the Blind, 500-510 Second Avenue, Evansville, Indiana 47710

Florida Bureau of Blind Services Department of Health and Rehabilitation, 725 South Bronough Street, Room 161, Tallahassee, Florida 32304

Greater Detroit Society for the Blind, 1401 Ash Street, Detroit, Michigan 48208

Golden Triangle Federation of the Blind, 2142 Perrysville Avenue,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15214

Goodwill Industries of Dayton, Rehabilitation and Job Training Center,
201 West 5th Street, Dayton, Ohio 45402

Greater Pittsburgh Guild for the Blind, 311 Station Street, Bridgeville,
Pennsylvania 15017

Guide Dog Foundation, 109-19 72nd Avenue, Forest Hills, New York 11375

Guiding Eyes for the Blind, 106 East 41st Street, New York, New York-
10017

Guam Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Department of Education,
Post Office Box 3009, Agana, Guam 96910

Hadley School for the Blind, 700 Elm Street, Winnetka, Illinois 60093

Houston Eye Associates, 1121 Hermann Professional Bldg., Houston,
Texas

Illinois Braille and Sight Saving School, Department of Children and
Family Services, 658 East State Street, Jacksonville, Illinois
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Industrial Home for the Blind, 57 Willoughby Street, Brooklyn, New
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Industries for the Blind, Inc., 3220 West Vliet Street, Milwaukee,
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Jewish Guild for the Blind, 15 West 65th Street, New York, New York
10023

Kansas City Association for the Blind, 1844 Broadway, Kansas City,
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Kansas State Department of Social Welfare, State Office Bldg., Topeka,
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Kentucky Bureau of Rehabilitation Services, State Office Bldg., High
Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Lavelle School for the Blind, East 221st Street and Paulding Avenue,
Bronx, New York 10469

Lehigh County Association for the Blind, 614 North 13th Street,
Allentown, Pennsylvania 18102

Lethbridge Rehabilitation Center, 7005 De Mainsonneuve Boulevard, West,
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, The New York Public
Library, 166 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 19913

Lighthouse for the Blind of Houston, 3530 West Dallas, Post Office
Box 13435, Houston, Texas 77019

Lighthouse for the Blind of New Orleans, 123 State Street, New Orleans,
Louisiana 70118

Living Rehabilitation Center, The Carriage House, 1331 S. W. Broadway,
Portland, Oregon 97205

Living Rehabilitation Center, 6215 S. E. Foster Road, Portland, Oregon
97206

Lorain County Center for Sightless, Inc., 220 Oberlin Road, Elyria,
Ohio 44035

Maine Department of Health and Welfare, Division of Eye Care, Augusta,
Maine 04330

The Maryland School for the Blind, 3501 Taylor, Baltimore, Maryland
21236

Maryland Workshop for the Blind, 2901 Strickland Street, Baltimore,
Maryland 21223

Martinsville Department of Social Services, Post Office Box 827,
Martinsville, Virginia 24112

Massachusetts Commission for the Blind, 39 Boylston Street, Boston,
Massachusetts 02116

The Matilda Ziegler Publishing Company for the Blind, 20 West 17th
Street, New York, New York 10011

Mecklenburg Association for the Blind, Inc., 704 Louise Avenue,
Charlotte, North Carolina

Minnesota Services for the Blind, 1745 University Ave., St. Paul,
Minnesota 55104

Minneapolis Society for the Blind, 1936 Lyndale Avenue, South,
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55403

- Mississippi Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind, Mississippi
State Department of Public Welfare, 528 North State Street,
Post Office Box 4872, Fondren Station, Jackson, Mississippi 39216
- Missouri Bureau for the Blind, Division of Welfare, State Office
Bldg., Jefferson City, Missouri 65102
- Mobile Association for the Blind, 500 St. Michael Street, Mobile,
Alabama 36602
- Montana Association for the Blind, Inc., Box 536, Kalispell, Montana
59901
- Mountain City Federation of the Blind, 430 East Fir Street, Hollidays-
burgh, Pennsylvania 16648
- Mount Carmel Guild, Department for the Visually Handicapped, 17
Mulberry Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102
- National Braille Press, 88 St. Stephen Street, Boston, Massachusetts
02115
- National Industries for the Blind, 1455 Broad Street, Bloomfield,
New Jersey 07003
- National Society for the Prevention of Blindness, 79 Madison Avenue,
New York, New York 10002
- New Jersey Commission for the Blind, 1100 Raymond Boulevard, Newark,
New Jersey 07102
- New Jersey Library for the Blind, 1676 North Ogden Avenue Ext.,
Trenton, New Jersey 08638
- New Mexico Services for the Blind, Social and Rehabilitation Services,
Post Office Box 2348, Sante Fe, New Mexico 87501
- New York Association for the Blind, Inc., 111 East 59th Street, New
York, New York 10022
- New York State Library - Library for the Blind, 226 Elm Street, Albany,
New York 12202
- New York State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped,
1450 Western Avenue, Albany, New York 12203
- New York State School for the Blind, Batavia, New York 14020

North Dakota Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Special Services
for the Blind, Box 8117 University Station, Grand Forks, North
Dakota 58201

North Dakota State School for the Blind, 500 Stanford Road, Grand
Forks, North Dakota 58201

Oak Ridge Unit Recording for the Blind, Inc., Oak Ridge Unit, Badger
Road, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830

Occupational Services, Inc., 17 Redwood Street, Chambersburg, Pennsyl-
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Oklahoma School of Business and Technology, 901 N. W. 6th, Oklahoma
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Oregon Commission for the Blind, 535 S. E. 12th Avenue, Portland,
Oregon 97214

Pelco Sales, Inc., 351 East Alondra Boulevard, Gardena, California
90248

Perkins School for the Blind, 175 North Beacon Street, Watertown,
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Personnel Research and Guidance, 1604 Spruce Street, Philadelphia,
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Newton, Pennsylvania 17075

Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, Cambria County Branch, 211
Central Avenue, Johnstown, Pennsylvania 15902

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- Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, Lower Susquehanna Branch,
241 Chestnut Street, Sunbury, Pennsylvania 17081
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- Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, Pittsburgh Branch, 308 South
Craig Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15213
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- Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, Washington-Greene County
Branch, 254 North Main Street, Washington, Pennsylvania 15301
- Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, Wilkes-Barre Branch, 35 East
Union Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18701
- Randolph-Sheppard Vendors of Oklahoma, 3117 Cashion Place, Oklahoma
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- Rehabilitation Center and Workshop of Western Pennsylvania, Inc.,
950 Highland Avenue, Greensburg, Pennsylvania 15601
- Rehabilitation Institute, Inc., 261 Mack Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan
48021
- Rock Hall Lions Club, Rock Hall, Maryland 21661
- Rhode Island Association for the Blind, 1058 Broad Street, Providence,
Rhode Island 02905
- Sacramento Society for the Blind, 2750 24th Street, Sacramento,
California 95818
- San Antonio Association for the Blind, 2305 Roosevelt Avenue, San
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- The Seeing Eye, Inc., Post Office Box 375, Morristown, New Jersey 07960
- The Seeing Hand Association, 737 Market Street, Wheeling, West Virginia
26003
- Service Center for the Visually Impaired, 725 Mason Street, Flint,
Michigan 48503

Sheltered Workshop of York, 149 South Tremont Street, York, Pennsylvania 17403

South Dakota Service to the Visually Handicapped, 222 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Southeast Alabama Rehabilitation Center, Ross Clark Circle, Post Office Box 338, Dothan, Alabama 36301

Southwest Louisiana Rehabilitation Center, Post Office Box 2705, Lafayette, Louisiana 70501

S. W. Automotive, 1520 South Central, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73125

St. Joseph's School for the Blind, 253 Baldwin Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey 07396

Temple Emanuel Sisterhood, 213 Monarch Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama 35213

Science for the Blind, 221 Rock Hill Road, Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania 19004

Services for the Blind, Tennessee Department of Public Welfare, 303 State Office Bldg., Nashville, Tennessee 37219

Pennsylvania State Bureau of the Visually and Physically Handicapped, Office of Family Services, Post Office Box 2675, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Texas State Commission for the Blind, 800 City National Bank Bldg., 101 East 9th Street, Post Office Box 12866, Austin, Texas 78711

Toledo Society for the Blind, 1819 Canton Street, Toledo, Ohio 43624

Utah State Library, Division for the Blind, and Physically Handicapped, 2150 South 2nd Street, West Suite 16, Salt Lake City, Utah 84115

Variety Club Blind Babies Foundation, 90 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California 94102

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Virginia Commission for the Visually Handicapped, 3003 Parkwood Avenue, Richmond, Virginia 23221

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Visual-Tek, 1840 Lincoln Boulevard, Santa Monica, California 90404

Vocational Rehabilitation Center of Allegheny, 1323 Forbes Avenue,
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Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children, Bayard at Bellefield
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4. Educational Services.

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THE PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Robert H. Whitstock, President

American Association of Workers for the Blind, Inc.
Vice President, The Seeing Eye, Inc.
Morristown, N.J.

In January, 1973, some six months before the Cleveland Convention, I flew to Washington, D.C., to meet with Dr. Douglas MacFarland, immediate past-president. Both of us had been, and continued to be, in close phone contact with the then president, Cleo Dolan. For AAWB it was a time of marked contrasts. As Charles Dickens wrote in THE TALE OF TWO CITIES, "It was the worst of times; it was the best of times."

The Cleveland Biennial meeting was just beyond the horizon. The program and format for the Convention had all but been completed, and the host committee, under Cleo Dolan's able direction, promised unexcelled hospitality and superior management. In fact, the Cleveland Biennial meeting proved to be the best attended AAWB Convention, and AAWB individual membership achieved its high watermark, just shy of 3,400. The regionalization process had demonstrated its value, and AAWB had nearly tripled in numbers.

At the same time, in January of 1973 the organization faced an overwhelming challenge. The post of executive director had become vacant in the previous months, and efforts were underway to locate a successor. The federal grants which had but-

tressed the organization's fiscal base for more than a decade, had come to an end. The AAWB budget was running at an overpowering deficit, which in two years would have erased its limited capital reserves. It was a time, therefore, that required realistic assessments and decisive action.

In the months and the years that have followed, this process of soul-searching and decision has been carried forward. The first two steps in achieving the desired results of a stable AAWB occurred when the Board of Directors agreed to support an increase in individual membership dues. The membership ratified this action overwhelmingly at its Cleveland meeting. We had expected a 10% decrease in membership for 1974, but were pleasantly surprised to find the decrease was a net loss of approximately 200 members. The second essential step was to hire a young and vigorous executive director, and Bruce Blasch joined the staff in this capacity just prior to the Biennial conference. Prior to his selection, the personnel policies of the organization were revamped, in order to make the position more attractive and in order to eliminate serious fiscal pitfalls that they had previously contained.

Immediately after becoming your president, I worked at great length to reorganize the administrative machinery of the national office. A deep debt of gratitude is owed to Carleater Holmes, who almost single-handedly held the office together during the approximately seven months in which there was no director. With the help of an archivist from AFB, the archaic filing system was modernized. With advice and assistance from our treasurer, Burt Risley, the organization's accounting procedures were updated, and our limited capital reserves were reinvested at the highest rate of interest possible. Through the generosity of The Cleveland Society for the Blind, and the ingenuity of the national office staff, the Washington offices had been re-equipped, refurnished, and redecorated, and they are available for use by the membership for your meetings in Washington.

The increase in individual dues produced the expected increase in income to the organization; at the same time it was necessary to slash the cost of operation drastically, in order to balance the budget. This was no simple undertaking, because the effort was complicated by a run away inflation and a deepening national economic recession. The budget was balanced in 1974 and is expected to show a slight surplus in 1975. This minor miracle could not have been accomplished if it had not been for the unselfish efforts of Chairman George Mallinson and his Publications Advisory Committee. Unfailing gratitude is due Dean Mallinson and his colleagues, whose advice and pooled wisdom

have cut many thousands of dollars in savings from past AAWB budgets. Their suggestions have reduced the costs of our printing, mailing, and maintenance of membership lists.

At its fall meeting of 1973, the Board of Directors of AAWB gave the go-ahead to continue the publication of our Annual, BLINDNESS. The proposed cost of the '73 Annual, BLINDNESS, however, was to be approximately one fourth its previous cost. This objective was achieved by implementing the recommendations of the Publications Advisory Committee. The Board of Directors also approved publication of PROCEEDINGS for the Cleveland Convention, and despite inflation and increase in size, the cost of PROCEEDINGS was reduced. For 1975 the Board has approved an experimental approach which will eliminate the Constitution and By-laws and the membership list from PROCEEDINGS. This action will cut the cost of its publication by approximately \$1,000 to \$2,000, and we look forward to the reaction of the membership as to whether or not this procedure should be continued in the future. The Board also voted to continue publication of CONTEMPORARY PAPERS, which will continue to be free to the membership, but henceforth, will be sold to non-members at approximately cost. After considerable discussion, the AAWB subsidy for NEW OUTLOOK subscriptions for interested members was continued, subject to later reassessment. The card catalogue, which had been initiated and maintained under a federal grant, had been termi-

nated in 1972 when the grant ended. The so-called card catalogue is currently being reassessed by joint action of both AEVH and AAWB, through a three year grant by the Nevil Foundation, with Mary Kay Bauman as its director. In other words, despite inflation, recession and sharp budget cuts, AAWB has been able in the past two years to maintain its previous level of service to its members.

In addition, new services have been developed, and it is expected in 1975 that individual memberships will reach the previous high of 1973. It will be recalled that an experimental project was designed, largely at the suggestion of our Western chapters, that for one Board meeting a year, the travel expense of participants be subsidized by the national treasury. The experiment proved successful and is now a fixed AAWB procedure. Also, the job exchange, which was developed for the Cleveland Convention, has been continued as a regular national office function. Consequently, persons looking for professional positions within the field of services to blind people, as well as interested employers, can file with the national office between conventions, and can leave appropriate data at a special job exchange booth at the Biennial Conventions. The regionalization process has also continued during the last two years with three new chapters--Indiana, New Mexico, and Wisconsin having been developed. Also, the National Braille Association has joined AAWB and AEVH in supervising the National Braille Authority. A joint and continuing committee

has been formed by AEVH and AAWB to look into future areas of mutual interest between the organizations, where closer coordination of purpose can be achieved.

The concept of Interest Group treasuries has been expanded with Interest Group 11 joining Interest Group 9 in sharing income from certification fees. The share of these two Interest Groups has recently been increased by three-fold, in order to help assist with the cost of certification. Other Interest Groups are being asked to examine their own needs to see if there is a way in which the national office can assist. It is also anticipated that a new Interest Group will be created, replacing a currently defunct Interest Group. As for individual benefits to membership, several experimental actions have been undertaken. Members have been offered through AAWB low cost professional liability insurance coverage. The response has been disappointing, and it is likely that the insurer will not renew in 1976. None the less, the area of professional liability is an area of growing concern, and even if the policy is not renewed next year, AAWB will certainly have to re-evaluate this possible function for its membership in the future.

A program has been worked out with Preventi-Med Corporation in Countryside, Illinois, to provide individual AAWB members access to low cost mail-order medicine. It is hoped that increasing numbers of our members will realize the value of this service, and take

advantage of this opportunity to reduce the cost of the patent medicines and prescription drugs.

Another innovative effort to bring service to the membership has been an agreement with Hertz Rent-a-Car. Discount cards have been distributed to the membership, offering specified discounts for this Rent-a-Car service. The national office welcomes any suggestions as to new ways in which AAWB can meet the group and individual needs of its diverse membership.

The regionalization efforts of AAWB have continued to flourish. We now have thirty-one chapters, encompassing almost all of our states and several Canadian provinces. The total participants in the six regional meetings of 1974, once again, doubled the attendance of the 1973 Biennial meeting, which, itself, had been the best attended of all previous Biennial meetings. The Southwest Regional Conference of 1974 was the largest regional meeting ever held, and attendance exceeded that of many previous national meetings. The numbers present, here in Atlanta, clearly indicate that AAWB is alive and strong and on the move. These results are not the consequence of any one person's action, now the actions of a few. They are instead the consequence of many able and dedicated persons who have lent their support and counsel to AAWB, and to all of you, I wish to express my sincere thanks.

In my travels as President-elect, and later as President of AAWB, I have had the privilege of attending many regional

and local chapter meetings. In those conferences I have tried to stress one central theme--that is, the importance of the individual and the need to listen to his aspirations and his unique needs. In these times of bigness, and of dispassionate technology and procedure, it seems to me that individual dignity and self respect require even more vital attention than in the past. I would conclude, on this final occasion of addressing you officially as President, with this repeated reminder. If we are to serve the needs of blind people, we as individual workers must blend realism with imagination; we must work together rather than working at cross purposes. We must think of ourselves as servants of the people we serve, rather than as the programmers.

MINUTES OF THE 1975 BIENNIAL CONVENTION

The 1975 Biennial National Convention of the American Association of Workers for the Blind was held at the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia, July 20-23, 1975. More than 900 members were present to participate in the 46th Convention, making it one of the largest conventions in AAWB's history. Much of the success of this convention was due to the diligent work of the Georgia Chapter members of AAWB, the many volunteers, and in particularly, Tommy McCollum, Robert Whitstock and Harold Roberts.

The Southern hospitality of the Hotel staff was at its finest. This factor plus a well organized convention resulted in a trouble-free meeting. The Convention moved along at a rapid pace and meetings and activities were put into every available time space.

Three workshops preceded the Biennial meeting. The public relations workshop organized by Interest Group #8 was as productive and informative as it was at the 1973 Biennial meeting. Members of Interest Group #5 organized the workshop entitled,

"Braille Producers and Providers of Services." Mr. William Gallagher was instrumental in bringing together many outstanding pioneers in the workshop entitled, "Radio Reading-Services for Blind and Physically Handicapped Persons." All of these workshops were well attended and proved to be very beneficial.

The opening session on Sunday Evening included the presentation of service awards. The Bruce McKenzie Award was presented to Mrs. Florence Horton and special citations were presented to Drs. Cull and Hardy. President Whitstock was especially pleased to present a special citation to Carleater Holmes, Administrative Assistant in AAWB's National Office.

The following listing of meetings, workshops, speakers and Interest Groups are presented as they appeared in the program.

PROGRAM

SUNDAY, JULY 20, 1975

8:00 A.M.--9:00 P.M. Marble Foyer
Registration, Hospitality Desk, Membership.

Workshops

- 8:30 A.M.--9:00 P.M. Texas Room
Public Relations Workshop (See Workshops p.35)
- 1:30--5:00 P.M. Seminar Room
Braille Producers and Providers of Services (See Workshops p.37)
- 2:00--5:00 P.M. Mezzanine Room
Radio Reading Services for Blind and Physically Handicapped
Persons (See Workshops p.39)

Meetings

- 10:30--11:45 A.M. Georgia Room
Georgia Chapter of AAWB
- 2:00 P.M.
Executive Committee Meeting Room 801-805
- 2:00 P.M. Directors Room
Mid-West Region Steering Committee Meeting
- 2:30--4:30 P.M. Georgia Room
Association of Rehabilitation Teachers
- 3:00 P.M. Sheraton Room A
Board of Directors Meeting
- 3:30 P.M. Directors Room
Mid-West Region Awards Committee Meeting
- 3:45--5:15 P.M. Louisiana--Mississippi Rooms
Interest Group 9--Panel on Architectural and Environmental Con-
cerns--Kent Wardell, Chairman
- 7:00--9:00 P.M. Sheraton Rooms A,B,C
Opening Session . . . President Robert H. Whitstock, Presiding
Invocation . . . Reverend Louis Naughton
Presentation of the Colors . . . Scouts of America, Troup 474
O Canada--Star Spangled Banner
Welcoming Addresses . . . The Honorable George D. Busbee
Governor of Georgia
The Honorable Maynard Jackson
Mayor of Atlanta
Keynote Address . . . Grieg Siedor
National Center for Law and the Handicapped, Inc.
Presentation of Chapter Charters . . . Harold Richtermann
Bruce McKenzie Award and Special Citations--
Presentations by: . . . Alvin Roberts,

Dr. George Mallinson
and Robert H. Whitstock

History and Memorial Report C. Warren Bledsoe

9:00--12:00 P.M. Sheraton Rooms A,B,C
Open Reception (Cash Bar)

MONDAY, JULY 21, 1975

7:30--8:45 A.M. (To Be Announced)
Chapter Presidents Breakfast (Dutch Treat)
Robert H. Whitstock, Presiding

8:30 A.M.--5:00 P.M. Marble Foyer
Registration

8:30--10:30 A.M. Directors Room
Resolutions Committee McAllister Upshaw, Chairman

8:45--10:15 A.M. Interest Groups 1,3,5,11 and Low Vision

Interest Group 1 Mezzanine Room
Panel--Dr. Richard W. Bleecker, Louise Cowan and Wally Watkins

Interest Group 3 Louisiana-Mississippi Rooms
The Advocacy Role of the Social Worker for the Blind--Sam Negrin
Your Community, Your Agency and You--Milton Rosenblum

Interest Group 5 Seminar Theater
Martin Droege, Chairman
Organization: the Volunteer Training Session--Its Growth--
Maxine B. Dorf
Production of Braille in Canada and How the Program is Imple-
mented--Edwin Brown
Communication--Irvin Richman

Interest Group 11 Carolina--Arkansas Rooms
Understanding, Assisting, and Teaching the Visually Impaired
Patient in Alternate Care Facilities--David Search
Panel--Roy J. Ward, Chairman
Assessment of Needs for Giant Dot Braille Material--Neil Shulman
Development of a Self Study Cassette Training Program for Older
Blind Citizens--Nancy Paskins
New Graduate Degree Offered in Rehabilitation Teaching--Billie
P. Elder and Dr. Larry Hapeman
In-Service Training Program Needs for Rehabilitation Teachers--
Audrey A. Davis

Low Vision Interest Group Georgia Room
 Use of Low Vision Aids in the Total Agency Program--Roy J. Ward
 and Dr. Robert E. Crouse

10:15--10:30 A.M.

Coffee Break

10:30 A.M.--12:00 Noon Sheraton Rooms A,B,C
First General Session Robert H. Whitstock, Presiding
 Tommy McCollum, Chairman
 Presidential Address Robert H. Whitstock
 Modern Trends and Expansion of Library Services--Frank Kurt Cylke
 Impact on Services for the Blind by the Current Development
 of State Governmental Umbrella Organizations--Aris A. Mallas
 Nominating Committee Report--Helen Worden
 Proposed By-Law Changes--McAllister Upshaw

12:00 Noon--2:00 P.M. Lunch

12:15--2:00 P.M. (To Be Announced)
 Chapter Membership Chairman Luncheon (Dutch Treat)

2:00--3:30 P.M. Sheraton Rooms A,B,C
Second General Session Robert H. Whitstock, Presiding
 Harold G. Roberts, Chairman
 Developing Services for Deaf-Blind Children and Adults--Robert
 Dantona, Harry H. Spar
 Affirmative Action for Handicapped Individuals--David Brigham

3:45--5:15 P.M. Interest Groups 2,4,6,8,9,10
Interest Group 2 Georgia Room
 Ralph Bishop, Chairman
 Hugh Russell, Moderator
 Extended Evaluation through Work Sample Use
 Panel: Mary K. Bauman, Dr. Julian M. Nadolsky, Dr. Norman M.
 Yoder and Harold Kulman

Interest Group 4 Alabama Room

Interest Group 6 Texas Room
 Development of Life Styles and Continuing Education as an Answer
 to Leisure Time Needs--Dr. Barbara Payne

Interest Group 8 Mezzanine Room
 Mary Jane O'Neill, Moderator
 Tours, Educational Programs and Speakers--Richard Ludden,
 Mary Jane O'Neill and Dr. Robert E. Crouse

Interest Group 9 Louisiana--Mississippi Rooms
 Report of Certification Review Committee--David Kappan, Chairman

Interest Group 10 Carolina Room
 The Amendments to the Randolph-Sheppard Act--Henry Seward

5:30--7:00 P.M. Sheraton Rooms A and B
 Presidents Reception (Cash Bar)

7:00--9:00 P.M. Florida--Tennessee Rooms
 Deaf-Blind Social Hour--Hosted by National Center for Deaf-Blind

7:30--9:00 P.M. Louisiana--Mississippi Rooms
Interest Group 9
 Low Vision Stimulation--Audrey Smith and Dr. Paul B. Freeman

7:30 P.M. Carolina Room
 AAWB Legislative Committee--Irvin P. Schloss

8:30 P.M. Arkansas Room
 Counsel for Rehabilitation Centers

TUESDAY, JULY 22, 1975

7:30--8:45 A.M. (To Be Announced)
 Past Presidents Breakfast--Cleo B. Dolan, Presiding

8:30--10:15 A.M. Directors Room
 Resolutions Committee McAllister Upshaw, Chairman

8:45--10:15 A.M. Interest Groups 2,4,6,8,9,10
Interest Group 2 Georgia Room
 Ralph Bishop, Chairman
 Pinkney Seale, Moderator
 Current and Future Developments in Technical Aids for the Blind--
 James Swail
 Workshop Accreditation to Improve Employability--Austin Scott

Interest Group 4 Alabama Room

Interest Group 6 Texas Room
 Emerging Community Programs for the Elderly--How They Can Be
 Used By Blind Persons And The Role of The Specialized
 Agency--Barbara Walker

Interest Group 8 Mezzanine Room
 Donald B. Vest, Moderator
 Fund Raising--Panel: Joseph W. Brinkly, Cleo B. Dolan, William T.
 Rich III

Interest Group 9 Louisiana--Mississippi Rooms
 Night Viewing Goggles--Paul Lighty

Interest Group 10 Carolina Room
 Training of Snack Bar Personnel--Dr. Janice Maclin, Robert O.
 Davis

10:30 A.M.--12:00 Noon Sheraton Rooms A,B,C
Third General Session Robert H. Whitstock, Presiding
 Trends In the Development of Low Vision Services--Loyal Apple,
 Chairman
 What is a Comprehensive Low Vision Service?--Dr. Randall T. Jose
 Implications for Rehabilitation--Clare Hood
 Current National Trends--Beth Phillips
 Nominations from the Floor

12:00 Noon--2:00 P.M. Lunch

1:00--4:30 P.M. Seminar Rooms C and D
 Voting

2:00--3:30 P.M. Sheraton Rooms A,B,C
Fourth General Session Robert H. Whitstock, Presiding
 The Application of Technological Developments to the Education
 and Rehabilitation of Blind Persons--Dr. James Bliss, Chairman
 Optacon Study--Ira Kaplan
 Compressed Speech Foundation--Charles Ellis
 Binaural Sensory Aid--Stanley Suterko

3:45--5:15 P.M. Interest Groups 1,3,5,11 and Low Vision
Interest Group 1 Mezzanine Room
 Standards of Accounting and Service Reporting--Helen W. Worden
 The Rehabilitation Act, 1973--Dr. Douglas C. MacFarland

Interest Group 3 Louisiana--Mississippi Rooms
 Modifying Attitudes and Adjustments through Social Work Training
 in an Agency Serving the Handicapped--Dr. Frederica Mayers
 Meeting the Needs of the Elderly Blind Adult--A Method of
 Accountability--Ann Barber

Interest Group 5 Seminar Theater
 Activities of Multi-State Center of the South--Katherine Jackson
 Computer Braille Capabilities--Dr. Marion Boyles
 Results of Braille Survey, Future Projects and Implementations
 of Braille through the Library of Congress--Richard Evensen

Interest Group 11 Carolina--Arkansas Rooms
 Rehabilitation Teaching--A Case Study Field Approach--Don
 McBride
 Panel: Michael Garrett, Alvin Roberts and Velma Becker

Low Vision Interest Group Georgia Room
 The Use of Low Vision Aids for Mobility--For Low Vision Children--
 Audrey Smith
 For The Adult Population--With Emphasis on Needs of the Geriatric
 Client--Joseph Hennessy

7:30--10:00 P.M. Sheraton Rooms A,B,C
Ambrose M. Shotwell Awards Banquet
 Robert H. Whitstock, Presiding
 Invocation Reverend David A. Donges
 Presentation of Ambrose M. Shotwell Distinguished Service Award
 to Roy Kumpe

WEDNESDAY JULY 23, 1975

8:40--10:15 A.M. Sheraton Rooms A,B,C
Fifth General Session Robert H. Whitstock, Presiding
 Aging and Blindness--Chairman, Helen Worden
 Alternatives to Institutionalization--Charles Gilmore
 R.S.V.P. Project--Marion Wurster
 National Trends--Dorothy Demby

10:30 A.M.--12:00 Noon All Interest Groups

Interest Group 1 Mezzanine Room
 Business Session

Interest Group 2 Georgia Room
 The Future of Workshops for the Blind in the United States--Ray
 Miller

Interest Group 3 Seminar Rooms A and B
 Business Session

Interest Group 4
 Business Session Seminar Rooms C and D

Interest Group 5 Seminar Theater
 Business Session

Interest Group 6 Florida--Tennessee Rooms
 National Trends and Developments in the Field of Recreation and
 Leisure Time--Marion Wurster
 Review of Recreation Standards and Needs for Changes--Ann New
 Business Session

Interest Group 8 Texas Room
 Business Session

Interest Group 9 Louisiana--Mississippi Rooms
Business Session

Interest Group 10 Arkansas Room
Business Session

Interest Group 11 Virginia Room
Suggested Changes in Certification Procedures--Frances Crawford
Business Session

Low Vision Interest Group Alabama Room
The Roles of Teachers, Counselors, and Other Professionals in Low
Vision Training--Dr. Dennis K. Kellerher
Training of the Low Vision Assistant--Clare Hood
Business Session

12:15--1:45 P.M. Sheraton Rooms A and B
Membership Luncheon Robert H. Whitstock, Presiding
Invocation Rabbi Martin S. Lawson
Membership Report Charles Freeman and Roy Kumpe
Presentation of the Alfred Allen Award to Donald Wing Hathaway
Presentation of the John McAulay Award to Thomas Dickey
Presentation of the Past-Presidents Award to the Texas Chapter
of AAWB

2:00--3:00 P.M. Sheraton Rooms A,B,C
Sixth General Session Robert H. Whitstock, Presiding
New Sources of Government Revenue for Programs for the Handi-
capped--Irvin Schloss, Chairman Helen Holt and Berta K. Tant

3:00 P.M. Sheraton Rooms A,B,C
Business Session Robert H. Whitstock, Presiding
Report of Resolutions Committee . MacAllister Upshaw, Chairman
Unfinished Business
New Business--Amendments to By-Laws
Transfer of Gavel
Adjournment
Meeting of new Board of Directors Seminar Rooms A and B
(Immediately Following Close of Business Session)

WORKSHOP PROGRAMS

SUNDAY, JULY 20, 1975

PUBLIC RELATIONS WORKSHOP

PLANNING A YEAR'S PROGRAM--MAKING ALL THE PIECES FIT

8:30--9:00 A.M. Texas Room
 Registration
 Morning Session Chaired by Ruth Sherman

9:00 A.M.
 Seminar Welcome Harold G. Roberts, Director, AFOB,
 and President-Elect, AAWB

9:15 A.M.
 Keynote Address John M. Blamphin, Director,
 Office of Public Affairs, U. S. Public Health Service, HEW

9:45 A.M.
 Coffee

10:00 A.M.
 Morning Workshops (Concurrent)

A--Printed Materials Texas Room
 Jarrott Lindsey, Director, Printing and Publications,
 Georgia State University

B--Visuals Alabama Room
 Dr. Harold E. Davis, Chairman, Journalism School, Georgia
 State University

Afternoon Session Chaired by Patricia S. Smith

12:15 P.M. Empire Room
 Seminar Luncheon
 "Using P. R. to Combat Blind Attitudes"--Robert H. Whitstock,
 President, AAWB

2:00 P.M.
 Afternoon Workshops
 Repeat of morning sessions

4:15 P.M.
 Concluding Session
 "How to Build a Slide Show"

BRAILLE PRODUCERS AND PROVIDERS OF SERVICES WORKSHOP

Seminar Room

Chairman Richard H. Evensen, Program Analyst, Division for the Blind
 and Visually Handicapped, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

1:30-3:00 P.M.
 Since the Washington Meeting in 1975, what steps have producers

and providers of braille materials taken, what steps are they taking and/or will be taking in the immediate future that will maximize the availability, high quality and cost effectiveness of braille materials?

Panelists: Martin Droege, Plant Manager, Clovernook Printing House for the Blind--Representing The Printing Press
Edwin G. Brown, Chief Librarian, Canada National Institute for the Blind--Canadian Production and Provision of Services.

J. M. Beck, Executive Director, Volunteer Braille Services for the Blind (Inc.), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Winfred Daniell, Media Specialist, Atlanta Public Schools, Atlanta, Georgia--Discussion Method of Computer Braille
Helen Levine, Past President, National Braille Association, Cincinnati, Ohio--Distribution of Braille Materials and How Provisions are Made for this Service

3:00 P.M.

Coffee Break

3:30--5:00 P.M.

Open Discussion and Questions from Group with Richard Evensen as Chairman

WORKSHOP

Mezzanine Room

Radio Reading Services for Blind and Physically Handicapped Persons

2:00--5:00 P.M.

Chairman--William F. Gallagher

2:00--3:15 P.M.

How to Start a Radio Reading Service from Scratch--

Dr. Margaret W. Rockwell, President and Director, The Washington Ear, Inc., Silver Spring, Maryland

Travis Harris, Visual Services Director, Division of Visual Services, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Rev. Boniface L. Wittenbrink, Director, WMRY's Talking Book, Belleville, Illinois

3:30--4:45 P.M.

The Corporation for Public Broadcasting's Involvement in Radio Reading Services for Blind and Physically Handicapped Persons--
A Discussion of the CPB's Handbook for RRS--

Thomas Warnock, Director of Radio Activities, Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Washington, D.C.

Cheryl Strange, Consultant, Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Washington, D.C.

4:45--5:00 P.M.

Summary of the First National Conference on Radio Reading Services for Blind and Physically Handicapped Persons--

William F. Gallagher, Director of Program Planning, American Foundation for the Blind, New York, New York

President Whitstock presided at the final business meeting.

McAllister C. Upshaw, Chairman of the resolutions committee, presented the resolution committee report (see Page 45), these

resolutions were approved individually by the membership.

Robert Pogorelc presented the following resolution which was also passed by the membership.

AAWB RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS, maintaining the identity and integrity of separate public and private agencies for the blind and visually handicapped is essential to the continued existence of that profession referred to as "work for the blind," and
- WHEREAS, at a meeting held concurrent with this 1975 Biennial Conference of the AAWB, the National Council of State Agencies for the Blind issued an appeal to all organizations in this field generally and to the AAWB particularly, to join in unified and concerted action to resist any and all effort to eliminate, consolidate or otherwise destroy any public or private agency providing substantial services to the blind and visually handicapped, now therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, that the AAWB hereby commit itself to responding affirmatively and effectively to the request of the National Council of State Agencies for the Blind, and be it
- FURTHER RESOLVED, that the resolution of the National Council of State Agencies for the Blind and this responsive resolution of the AAWB be read at an appropriate session of the 1975 Biennial Convention for ratification by the membership of the AAWB, and that the two resolutions be made a part of the

proceedings and record of this 1975 Biennial Convention, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board and Staff of the AAWB be and hereby are authorized and directed to take such further action as might be required from time to time to carry out the position stated in these two resolutions, reporting back to the membership at the 1977 convention of the AAWB on such action as might have been taken to assure the effective advancement of these policies as a matter of the highest priority.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE AGENCIES FOR
THE BLIND RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the most urgently important issue confronting all who are involved in serving the blind is that in the years ahead there continue to be a specialized profession known as "work for the blind," and

WHEREAS, the continued existence and constant improvement of both public and private agencies specifically and solely operated to serve the blind and visually handicapped represent an essential pre-requisite to work for the blind's continued existence as a viable profession, and

WHEREAS, throughout the United States, public and private organizations constituted to serve the blind and visually handicapped are with increasing frequency required to engage in major battles to preserve their identity, to maintain the integrity of services provided to clients, and to continue to exist as separate, specialized and responsive service organizations, and

WHEREAS, resources being used by such agencies in struggling to survive could, in the absence of a necessity to abort recurrent efforts to amalgamate public and private agencies for the blind into massive umbrella organizations, be constructively used to enrich and expand the unique but critically required range of specialized services available for blind and visually handicapped Americans, and

WHEREAS, the National Council of State Agencies for the Blind regard as its major priority the matter of initiating, conducting and cooperating in such

action as is feasible and as might be required to assure the continued existence and the progressive strengthening of public and private agencies for the blind, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED,

by the National Council of State Agencies for the Blind, in special business session assembled this 21st day of July, 1975, at Atlanta, Georgia, that a challenge be and hereby is directed to any and all organizations whatsoever in the field of work for the blind to lay aside less critically urgent issues and to minimize unnecessary internal conflict within this field, joining instead in unified and concerted effort to combat and to eliminate those administrative fashions and those inadequately examined theories of organization and of service provision which now threaten work for the blind's continued existence as the only practicable mechanism for meeting the special service needs of blind and visually handicapped Americans, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED,

that a special request is now particularly directed to the American Association of Workers for the Blind to define, during its 1975 Biennial Convention, as representing one of the AAWB's highest priorities action which contributes to the maintenance of the identity and integrity of separate public and private agencies to serve blind and visually handicapped Americans solely, exclusively and pertinently, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED,

that the president of the National Council of State Agencies for the Blind be and hereby is authorized to assure the appropriate distribution of copies of this resolution.

Harold Richterman moved that the resolutions approved by the membership be distributed to the appropriate sources. The motion was seconded and passed by the membership.

President Whitstock announced that the Low Vision Interest Group had enough members and will hereafter be designated as Interest Group 7--Low Vision.

The Amendments to the By-Laws as mailed to the membership, were adopted as follows:

Add under Article I, Section 1, after paragraph 1: Individual membership shall be available at half regular membership cost to a person whose occupational status is clerical or secretarial and who is employed by an organization which serves blind people.

Article V, Section 4, Legislative Committee: This committee (composed of 15 members) shall . . .

and

Article V, Section 10, Certification Committee: Two committees appointed by the President for the purpose of certification of rehabilitation teachers and orientation and mobility specialist. The Rehabilitation Teacher Certification Committee shall consist of six members and the Orientation and Mobility Certification Committee* shall consist of eight members, two of whom are to represent AEVH.

*Subject to approval of Interest Group IX.**

**Interest Group IX approved this amendment to the By-

Laws at their business meeting on July 23, 1975.

President Whitstock expressed his appreciation to the Membership, Committees, Board of Directors, Executive Committee, Executive Director, Bruce Blasch and Administrative Assistant, Carleater Holmes for all of the cooperation and assistance during his term of office. At this point President Whitstock turned the gavel over to the incoming President, Harold G. Roberts. Before adjourning the meeting President Roberts presented Mr. Whitstock with a beautiful gavel mounted on an engraved base for an outstanding job as the President of the American Association of Workers for the Blind from July 1973 to July 1975.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ross C. Purse, Secretary



Change of gavel Robert H. Whitstock (left) Harold Roberts (right)

TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE AAWB MEMBERSHIP

As Distributed

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WORKERS FOR THE BLIND, INC.STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 1975

<u>OPENING CASH BALANCE</u>	\$30,384.49
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Membership - Annual	\$37,845.20
- Agency	5,945.80
- Life	2,220.00
- Student	568.00
- New Outlook	3,175.00

General Convention		
Pre-Registration	\$ 3,717.00	
Banquet	2,026.50	
Luncheon	1,609.00	
Booth	4,675.00	
Advertising Space	1,085.00	
Workshop	240.00	
Contributions	<u>300.00</u>	13,652.50
Certification		474.00
Publications		192.00
Interest		803.73
Donations		700.00
Film		420.00
Miscellaneous		447.57
Xerox Machine		24.35
Chapters Liability		
Insurance		<u>1,204.00</u>

<u>TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS</u>	\$67,672.15
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<u>DISBURSEMENTS--Schedule 1</u>	<u>36,989.93</u>
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<u>EXCESS CASH RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS</u>	30,682.22
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<u>CLOSING CASH BALANCE</u>	<u>\$61,066.71</u>
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ANALYSIS OF CLOSING CASH BALANCE

Checking Account - Union Trust	\$ 114.56
Savings Accounts - Home Federal Savings & Loan	38,920.76
- Maryland State Savings & Loan	2,720.39
- Northwestern Federal Savings & Loan	19,266.00
Receivable of Bad Checks	30.00
Petty Cash	<u>15.00</u>

<u>TOTAL CASH BALANCE</u>	<u>\$61,066.71</u>
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SCHEDULE 1DISBURSEMENT

Accounting	\$ 760.00	
American Foundation	5,262.30	
Brailling	457.98	
Committee & Board Expenses	328.68	
Dues & Subscriptions	618.00	
Duplicating & Xeroxing	179.10	
Employee Benefits - Group Hospitalization	555.92	
Equipment - Repairs & Maintenance	665.62	
General Convention Expenses:		
Pre-Convention Materials:		
Letterhead & Brochures	\$ 501.00	
Return Postal Cards	76.00	
Travel	<u>225.79</u>	802.79
Insurance - General		-0-
- Professional Liability		1,212.00
Miscellaneous		27.70
Office Expense		266.86
Outside Help		949.86
Payroll Taxes		965.35
Plaques & Awards		130.00
Postage and Freight		1,246.57
President's Expenses		-0-
Printing & Handling		2,950.99
Rent		2,210.00
Salaries - Executive Director		9,000.00
- Administrative Office Manager		4,112.60
- Secretary		2,055.06
- Part Time		1,097.50
Supplies		227.08
Telephone		1,129.70
Travel		52.50
1974 Payroll Taxes Paid		762.48
Less:		
Withheld Taxes - Federal & FICA - Unremitted	(677.69)	
- Maryland State - Unremitted	(261.42)	
- D.C. - Unremitted	(97.60)	
- Virginia - Unremitted	(-0-)	

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS\$36,989.93

Respectfully Submitted,
Burt Risley, Treasurer

AAWB-AEVH-NBA BRAILLE AUTHORITY REPORT 1975

Bernard M. Krebs
 Librarian, Jewish Guild for the Blind,
 New York, New York

The Braille Authority is pleased to report that substantial progress has been made during the past year in the development and expansion of both the music and the Textbook Format Codes. The new consultants who were enlisted to join advisory committees brought to the deliberations a wealth of knowledge and insight to the problems which required resolution. Their background of experience in teaching and transcribing assisted greatly in developing definitive procedures most meaningful to teachers, transcribers and students.

For many years the Braille Authority delayed in attempting to modify the International Music Code in the hope that another conference would be convened to resolve the conflicts and omissions in established rules and procedures. Since no such conference was being called, it became increasingly imperative that the Code be supplemented for American use in order to meet the requirements of music teachers, students and performers. The modifications which have been officially adopted will allow a more accurate presentation of music scores. It offers either fully detailed notation for the teacher and musician or a simpler version for the novice. The Revised Inter-

national Manual of Braille Music Notation, 1975 is now in the process of being printed and it should be available for distribution in the near future.

The unusual techniques and formats initiated by authors and publishers continue to become increasingly complex. To assure comprehension of the text, it was necessary to provide braille publishers, transcribers, and readers with symbols and techniques which would accurately reflect the signs and styles used in textbook publications.

One of the basic improvements is in the presentation of diacritics where the same braille symbol will now be employed to represent equivalent print symbols regardless of the dictionary used by the author for reference. Heretofore both the transcriber and the student have been required to master a special set of braille symbols for each dictionary presentation.

Additional improvements have been made in the handling of marginal and footnotes, boxed material, phonetics and phonemics, and other symbols and formats currently being used in foreign languages and in technical fields. The final redrafting of the Textbook Format Code is now in preparation for submission to the printers and should be available for distribution early next year.

The National Advisory Council to the Braille Authority became inactive at the expiration of the term of office of its Chairman, Dr. Berthold Lowenfeld; since no Vice-Chairman had been provided, the Braille Authority prevailed on Dr. M. Robert Barnett to act as Provisional Chairman until such time as the sponsoring Associations would make an appointment. Through his leadership, in conjunction

with the remaining members of the Advisory Council the improvements in braille codes mentioned herein have been officially sanctioned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bernard M. Krebs, Chairman
Maxine B. Dorf, Vice-Chairman
Marjorie S. Hooper, Secretary
Virginia Katz
Alice Mann

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Irvin P. Schloss, Vice Chairman
Coordinator of Governmental Relations
American Foundation for the Blind

As a departure from the traditional reports that have been given at past conventions, the legislative committee held an informal session open to all members. This evening meeting was designed to update individuals as to current legislation and also to answer any specific questions of individual members. This process facili-

tated greater indepth decisions as well as allowing greater clarification and explanation. Due to the fluidity of the discussions, a formal report was not appropriate. Based on the success of this procedure the legislative committee will continue to hold similar meetings at future conventions.

REPORT OF THE HISTORY AND MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Warren Bledsoe, Chairman

Consultant to the Office for the Blind and Visually
Handicapped, Rehabilitation Services Administration, U.S. DHEW

Before proceeding to higher considerations I would like to say a few words about the functioning of this committee in relation to the regions and the local chapters. Efforts to secure reports from member chairmen of the chapters have so far been only 50% successful. I want to commend those chapters which account for the 50%, and I would especially like to commend the Southeast Region for establishing a regional History and Memorial Committee and for making a report to the National Committee. This report not only listed the names of members who had died but took notice of the dedication of the Addie McBryde Rehabilitation Center. I hope this example will be followed by other regions and chapters.

Before turning our attention to the members of the Association who have gone out of our lives--at least physically--I would like to pay a tribute to a member who is not here, but who is very much alive. This is Edith Burrell Harrison, Mrs.

Phillip Harrison. She was a teacher in the Evergreen Program for blinded veterans of World War I. She married a veteran of that war. And she has spent all her life in practical and benign action and influence in behalf of blind people. A few days ago I had a call from her voicing concern over a newly blinded woman of 80 whose talking-book recordings were not coming through as immediately as the situation required. To me this represented an unending flow of devotion which had its well-springs more than 50 years. How many more I do not know.

I asked her to send me a message to this convention. I also remembered a poem she had written entitled "Evergreen--Armistice Day 1921." This poem, it seemed to me, was the well-spring of her long career of devotion. I asked her if I might read it here tonight and she said that I might. Here is her poem.

Evergreen Armistice Day--1921

Tall poplars dark against a summer sky,
Quaint posies crowding each box bordered bed,
A russet oak grove shimmering through the mist,
Broad spaces friendly stars overhead,
The play of sunlight on a copper beech,
Steps winding downward to a silver brook,
Season on season hour on changing hour,
Nature a riot everywhere you look . . .

These beauties any passerby may see,
 But they who dwell here know a deeper love:
 To them nature reveals her mystery,
 Her more elusive charm below, above,
 Swift fleeting fragrance, lilac, cherry-rose,
 Box sun warmed, honey suckle, new-mown hay,
 The smoke of autumn bonfires,
 Good earth mould in woodsy places,
 Dry leaves blown away, familiar sounds,
 The robin's reveille,
 Crows cawing in the oak grove, wind in trees,
 Brooks' quiet rippling, mocking birds in Spring,
 Snow crunching under foot, soft hum of bees,
 The feel of clear night air,
 Mist on one's face,
 The kindly warmth of sunshine, cooling rain,
 Bluff boisterous wind, spurring one on and on,
 Uphill and down and then back home . . .

These revelations come to heal and bless
 And others of the spirit hardly won
 The great earth mother gives to those who seek
 Courage and faith and strength to carry on.

Edith Burrell Harrison

And here is Mrs. Harrison's
 message. "Warmest greetings to
 AAWB, to my dear old friends
 and co-workers, and to a new
 generation of torch bearers.

"The years since Evergreen
 (1919) have opened doors into
 the world of opportunities for
 blind people everywhere. Can
 we keep the old spirit of simple,
 neighborly helpfulness in the
 midst of today's tangled red
 tape? Good luck and Happy
 Landings!"

There are people who say "Lots
 of Luck" to us these days with
 a sinister undertone. But not
 Mrs. Harrison. During all the
 years since 1921, as the World
 has moved toward cynicism and
 doubt, she has never wavered in

the courage and faith and
 strength which were the key
 words in her poem. I hope this
 convention will send her a
 message of affection and regard
 and thanks for her moral and
 spiritual support.

Perhaps I am the only person
 in this room who recalls even
 vaguely Evergreen House peopled
 by the soldiers of World War I
 in the time in which Mrs.
 Harrison wrote and also the
 simple neighborliness with
 which it was loaned to Uncle
 Sam by the Garrett family.
 They were people who were never
 made sad (as was one man in the
 Bible) by the fact that they
 were very, very rich. This
 was because they shared as
 naturally as they breathed.

At the last convention of AAWB this committee went through a mutation. It ceased to be the Necrology Committee and became the History and Memorial Committee, and I wish to take this opportunity to thank this body for taking such action. In so doing we place emphasis on life rather than death. I told you two years ago that I believed in the immortality of the soul, and now I would like to say that it is my hope you will make it a tradition that this be one of the job requirements for chairmanship of this committee. This is not asking for a resolution to that effect . . . rather that the spirit and custom of the meeting move in that direction. I was taught when I was young that custom and spirit were stronger than law and I still believe it. It is a little known fact in the history of blindiana that a subtle change came over the program for blinded soldiers at Valley Forge Hospital when two old Quakers entered the picture: one was Mrs. George Vaux, Henry James's granddaughter (and William James's niece)--who started the National Travelers Aid Society, and learned social work that way. The other was Rufus Jones, Chairman of the Friends Service Committee during World War II. At the suggestion of Rufus Jones, Dr. Hoover and his wife became the house guests of Mrs. Vaux for two years at the time when Dr. Hoover was the key man in the program and I have always thought he learned what social work he learned from those two remarkable old people. One of Rufus Jones's favorite terms was mutation. In fact, he described

immortality as a mutation. He himself was a white eminence which caused a very subtle mutation in the spirit of the program at Valley Forge between 1944 and 1946. Not to go into too much detail on this occasion, I would say that a symptom of the change was a gradual, and then swift, eradication of a cynicism which at first had pervaded the thinking of the staff. The value of this was enormous, cynicism being one of the most deadly infections which can afflict a rehabilitation program.

Later as editor of the Outlook for the Blind, I asked Rufus Jones to write a short philosophical piece for a feature entitled "A Society of Human Beings." He wrote very briefly an article which was a setting for these arresting sentences: "In the great days of the Renaissance the students in the Italian Universities used to call out to every person who came to address them, 'Tell us about the soul; tell us about the soul.' We have been so busy with the affairs of the outside world that we have forgotten there is an inner world where we really live."

Being a young editor, hungry for my journal, I asked him if he could not write a little more. He said, "No," and went into a Quaker silence, letting his thought germ work. He had told me about the soul and he thought that would have to suffice.

It is the special function of this committee to remind the membership that many wise men have believed in the soul and

thought they knew something about it. We do this by recalling the names of our co-workers who have died and thinking a little about them. It had been my hope that I could bring you brief sketches of each of them, putting into a few words the significance of their lives as it seemed to their co-workers. Unfortunately, our reporting system is not yet equal to them. I will therefore merely read only their names with two exceptions. Two individuals who were awarded the Shotwell Medal are no longer with us. They are Robert Bray

and Colonel Louis Watts, and we should pause to remember that Colonel Watts gave Virginia its Commission for the Blind and the AAWB its constitution. Robert Bray increased the size of the talking-book program many times, introduced the use of tape recorders to the National Program of Library Services for the Blind and stimulated the production of periodical literature immeasurably.

By State other members who have died are:

Alabama

O. F. Wise

Arkansas

Rosa Mae Copeland

D.C./Maryland

Robert Bray
Alice Haines

Georgia

Dr. P. J. Wood
Herbert Smith

Mississippi

Christine Covington
William H. Bounds
Dr. William Wilkins
George W. Owens

Missouri

Frances Fisher

New York

Arthur Vorhees

North Carolina

W. E. Early
Mrs. Marjorie McCune
John Bowles
Littlejohn T. Fulkner
Mrs. Annie B. Shaheen
John Duran

Penn./Del.

Selma Jacobs
 Dwayne C. Croyle
 Gladys Norman
 Peter Campbell
 Father Kartarvisch

South Carolina

Cortez L. Godshall

Tennessee

T. V. Murphy
 Susan P. Barnes

Texas

William H. Foster
 Woodrow Wilson Sanderfeld

Virginia

Mrs. Rose Ward Johnson
 Louis L. Watts

In honor and tribute to these
 people I would like to read
 another poem by Lizette Woodworth
 Reese.

Tears

When I consider Life and its few years,
 A wisp of fog betwixt us and the sun;
 A call to battle, and the battle done
 Ere the last echo dies within our ears;
 A rose choked in the grass; an hour of fears;
 The gusts that past a darkening shore do beat;
 The burst of music down an unlistening street,
 I wonder at the idleness of tears.

Ye old, old dead, and ye of yesternight
 Chieftains, and bards, and keepers of the sheep,
 By every cup of sorrow that you had,
 Loose me from tears, and make me see aright
 How each hath back what once he stayed to weep;
 Homer his sight, David his little lad!

We have said that the change in
 the name of this committee
 emphasized life rather than death
 and also the continuity of this
 organization from generation to
 generation. I believe most
 heartily that our friends who are
 no longer with us in the flesh

deserve a joyous rather than a
 mournful requiem, when we meet
 together as colleagues. Instead
 of a minute of silence I ask as
 I did two years ago that you
 applaud them, making a joyful
 noise.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mrs. Helen W. Worden, Chairman
Executive Director, Rhode Island Association for the Blind

The Nominating Committee of the AAWB herewith presents its report of nominations for the ensuing years. We submit for your consideration for a two year period, a president elect, a secretary and a treasurer and for a four year period, six board of directors. In so doing, the Nominating Committee has prepared its slate in accordance with provisions of the by-laws. Fullest possible representation of both interest groups and a good geographical representation have been taken into consideration. The slate prepared is as follows:

For a period of two years, expiring in 1977 the following officers:

President: Burt L. Risley

Mr. Risley received his B.A. degree from the University of Texas in 1948; his M.B.A. degree from the University of Texas in 1949 and has done Postgraduate Work at the University of Colorado. His entire employment career has been in the State of Texas with his present position being Executive Director of the Texas State Commission for the Blind in Austin Texas--a position which he assumed in 1964.

Mr. Risley has worked in services to blind persons since 1968 and has held many elected positions within that area. In 1968 he was elected to the National Board of AAWB. From 1973 to the present he has served as the Elected National Treasurer.

He is a member of the National Accreditation Council, Blinded Veterans Association, National Rehabilitation Association, Texas Federation of the Blind and the Royal Society of Health, London, England. Mr. Risley has authored several publications and in 1968 received the John H. McCauley Award for Outstanding Achievement in Placement of Blind Persons. He is listed in Who's Who in the South and Southwest.

Treasurer: Mr. John Dunlap

Mr. John Dunlap (Jerry) of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Mr. Dunlap is a member of Oklahoma City North Lions Club, the National Rehabilitation Association, Chapter President of Oklahoma Chapter AAWB and Oklahoma's Representative to National Board of Directors of American Association of Workers for the Blind. He received his B.A. degree in Social Studies from the University of Oklahoma in June, 1957 and his Masters degree in Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology from Texas Tech University in 1959. He has been a State Rehabilitation Counselor. In 1966 he was promoted to Supervisor in Services to the Blind and in 1968 appointed Visual Services Assistant Director--a position he presently holds.

Secretary: Mr. William Coppage

Mr. William T. Coppage holds a Bachelor of Art Degree from the University of Richmond, a

Master of Education Degree from the University of Virginia and a Masters in Rehabilitation Counseling from the Richmond Professional Institute. Mr. Coppage has held his present position as Director of the Commission for the Visually Handicapped since 1965.

Among his memberships include the National Rehabilitation Association, AAWB, American Society for Quality Control, Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, Richmond Host Lions Club, National Accreditation Council, Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation--General Council of Workshops for the Blind and Business Opportunities for the Blind, Incorporated, to name a few.

In 1971, Mr. Coppage was the recipient of the R. N. Anderson Award presented by the Virginia Rehabilitation Association and has written many articles for magazines and books in the field.

As Members of the Board of AAWB
for Terms Expiring 1979;

Mr. Robert L. Pogorelc:

Mr. Pogorelc received his A.B. Degree in 1962 from Marquette University, his graduate degree from the same University in 1964 in Counseling Psychology.

Mr. Pogorelc became Counselor-Supervisor, VR--Welfare in June, 1963 and since then has held several positions in the area of Health and Welfare Services and is presently the Adminis-

trator of the Oregon Commission for the Blind.

Mr. Alton B. Goodrum:

Mr. Goodrum received is B.S.E. Degree from the Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, his Masters of Education from the University of Arkansas. He served eight years with the Texas State Commission for the Blind--Placement Specialist, etc. He is a Life Member of the National Rehabilitation Association, has been a member of AAWB for 18 years. He is Regional Membership Chairman for AAWB and is a member of the Bellaire Lions Club. He is a Past President of the Park Plaza Lions Club. His present position is Area Supervisor of the Texas State Commission for the Blind.

Mr. George Arsnow:

Mr. George Arsnow is a Senior Supervisor in Rehabilitation for the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind. He received his B.S. Degree and Masters in Rehabilitation Counseling from Boston University. He has been very active with the New England Regional Chapter of AAWB and is an active member of the Massachusetts Chapter of N.R.A. and is currently serving as vice president. Mr. Arsnow is currently acting President of the New England Chapter AAWB. He has also served as its secretary and treasurer.

Dr. Richard Kinney:

Educator--Lecturer, Poet--blind since seven, deaf since twenty received his B.A. Degree

Summa Cum Laude from Mount Union College, Alliance, Ohio, in 1954 and his L.H.D. from that same University in 1966. He is the author of many volumes and has had extensive speaking experience. Among his awards are the Citation of "Meritorious Service to Literature," the Helen Keller GOLD MEDAL for Literary Excellence, the Anne Sullivan GOLD MEDAL and the Dialogue: Public Service Award 1969. He was elected the Illinois Handicapped Citizen of the year in 1970 and the Lions Ambassador of Goodwill in 1971. His membership in organizations relative to blind and deaf-blind persons is extensive. He is listed in Who's Who in American Directory and Who's Who in the World. He is a Director of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and is also in the Dictionary of International Biography. Dr. Kinney is the Executive Vice President of the Hadley School for the Blind.

Dr. Lawrence A. Scadden:

Dr. Scadden received his B.A. Degree from the University of Redlands in 1960, his Ph.D. from the University of Southern California in 1963, a Masters in Psychology from the University of the Pacific in 1971. He has been an Instructor at three different colleges and is presently a Research Psychologist at Smith Kettlewell Institute of Visual Sciences. He is a member of the American Psychological Association, American Association of Workers for the Blind and the Council of Exceptional Children.

Mr. Harry D. Vines:

Mr. Vines is a resident of

Sherwood, Arkansas. He received his B.A. Degree from Oklahoma City University in 1961 and is a graduate of the North Texas State Rehabilitation Services Training Program for Sheltered Workshop Administrators. He is presently enrolled in law school. He was a teacher and coach for four years before entering the field of Rehabilitation. His work in services to people began in 1965 as a Counselor. He has also served as Coordinator of Program Administration for the Division of Rehabilitation Services, and was appointed Deputy Commissioner for Rehabilitation Services for the Blind on December 1, 1972. He has been past-president of the Arkansas Chapter, National Rehabilitation Association. He has been on the Advisory Board of the North Little Rock YMCA, a member of AAAB, Lions Club and Arkansas Council of the Blind. He is also a member of the Service Advisory Council for Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind. He is a member of the Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped and an Officer in the National Council of State Agencies for the Blind.

Slate Submitted By:

Mr. E. J. Claxton, Jr.
 Mr. William T. Coppage
 Mr. Jerry Dunlap
 Mr. William L. Generette
 Mr. George A. Magers
 Mr. William E. Milton
 Mr. Thomas Murphy
 Mr. Robert Pogorelc
 Mrs. Helen W. Worden, Chairman

REPORT OF THE ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Berdell H. Wurzbarger, Chairman
Associate Professor, Department of Special Education
San Francisco State University, San Francisco, California

The Orientation and Mobility Certification Committee met at the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia, on Sunday, July 20, 1975 to process applications for certification.

34 applications were received and the following action was taken:

- 16 were approved for Permanent Certification
- 13 were approved for Provisional Certification
- 5 no action taken pending receipt of additional supporting data

Permanent Certification

Berg, Rachel
Boyle, Mary
Bush, Dennis
Davis, Lynn
De Piano, Darlene
Elias, Helen
Estersohn, Harriet
Head, Daniel
Hines, Samuel
Jacobson, William
Morris, Catherine
O'Neill, Arthur
Ridgeway, Robert
Robinson, Eddie
Sullivan, William
Van Hoven, Thomas

Provisional Certification

Bina, Michael
Blasch, Bernard
Blue, Dawn

Fielder, Brenda
Gale, Stanley
Goodrich, Hera
Hale, Jean
Hilner, Richard
Keith, David
Klushin, Kay
McCloskey, William
Reeves, Gwynne
Truax, Scott

Since the AAWB Convention at the Statler Hilton Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, July 22, 1973, the following people have been approved for certification:

Permanent Certification

Aust, Adrienne
Bentzen, Billie
Berg, Rachel
Bischoff, Fred
Blakeslee, Raymond
Bohman, Richard
Boyle, Mary
Brown, Michael
Bryan, Michael
Bush, Dennis
Cavanaugh, Mary
Coolman, Vaughn
Crozier, Charles
Cruthirds, Leslie
Daugherty, Kathryn
Davis, Lynn
De Piano, Darlene
Di Zebba, Anthony
Elias, Helen
Embry, Brenda
Estersohn, Harriet
Ferraro, John
Ferraro, Sandra
Fleharty, Dean

Permanent Certification--
Continued

Floyd, Janet
 Gamble, Kevin
 Gillis, James
 Goldberg, Samuel
 Greene, Mary
 Hammond, Patricia
 Head, Daniel
 Healey, Jill
 Healy, Gene
 Hennessey, Joseph
 Hines, Samuel
 Jackson, Diane
 Johnson, Nancy
 Keblbek, Elizabeth
 Kirchner, Sharon
 Kroleski, Patricia
 Larson, Richard
 Lawless, Mary Ann
 Leeder, William
 Levenbach, Beth
 Lolli, Dennis
 McCoy, Edward
 McPetridge, Martha
 McGraw, Loretta
 MacLeod, Ruth
 Major, Michael
 Michel, Lillian
 Miller, Daniel
 Minor, John
 Moore, Julia
 Morris, Catherine
 Murphy, Michael
 O'Neill, Arthur
 Pierson, Neil
 Ridgeway, Robert
 Robinson, Eddie
 Rudder, Maria
 Rutberg, Judith
 Ryan, Daniel
 Schneider, Nancy
 Schultz, Gary
 Seelye, Wilma
 Seidberg, Carol
 Seward, Rosalie
 Siegel, Alan
 Smith, Audrey
 Smith, Diane
 Smith, Jesse

Sullivan, William
 Tabor-Beck, Linda
 Tapp, Kenneth
 Taube, Irene
 Taylor, David
 Texley, Ronald
 Thuis, Michael
 Vanderveer, Lowell
 Van Hoven, Thomas
 Von Schneden, Margaret
 Vopata, Alvin
 Webber, Margaret
 Webster, Richard
 Wetsch, Ricarda
 Wiener, William
 Wood, Daniel
 Wright, Charles
 Wynn, Sidney
 Yablonski, Martin
 Ziska, Leonard

Provisional Certification

Adair, Elly
 Alexander, Karen
 Allen, Craig
 Anthony, Thomas
 Baird, Anne
 Basham, Leland
 Baumstark, Catherine
 Bauserman, Charles
 Bentley, Gary
 Biggs, Wanda
 Bina, Michael
 Blasch, Bernard
 Blue, Dawn
 Boe, Eric
 Boehm, Wendy
 Borkon, Michael
 Bradfield, Anna
 Carter, Connie
 Carter, Kent
 Conte, John
 Cook, Christine
 Cooper, Thomas
 Cordle, Dan
 Curtis, Cynthia
 Day, Robert
 Del Frari, Paul
 Dieckmann, Catherine
 Diehl, Susan

Provisional Certification--Continued

Doehne, Linda
Dosch, Thomas
Douglas, Jean
Duehl, Alice
Dwyer, Margaret
Ervin, Sue
Fawcett, Rebecca
Fazzi, Vincent
Fielder, Brenda
Fisk, Samuel
Fox, Catherine
Franke, Richard
Friedland, Lynn
Gale, Stanley
Gebhardt, Carolyn
Giers, Phillip
Goldie, Dorothy
Goodrich, Hera
Griffin, Lorraine
Grogan, Jean
Hale, Jean
Hall, John
Harren, Patricia
Harrington, Susan
Hatch, Catherine
Hazard, Jr. Willis
Hilner, Richard
Hirsch, Karin
Horney, Lorraine
Houghton, Rosemary
Hurley, Raymond
Jessen, Philip
Johnson, Scott
Jones, Jimmy
Kashinsky, Shelley
Keith, David
Kelly, Genevieve
Klushin, Kay
Kording, Donald
Kronick, Lewis
Lane, Diane
Lane, Patricia
Langan, Carla
LeDuc, James
Lee, Edward
Lester, Wayne
Levithan, Nance
Lewis, Harold

Lindh, Peter
Loarie, Constance
Longo, Terrence
McCloskey, William
McCulloch, Kenneth
McHugh, John
McIntyre, Kathleen
Macknin, Carol
MacWilliam, Laurel
Marsh, Mimi
Miles, Shirley
Miller, Carol
Millspaugh, David
Mock, Dawn
Morgan, Janet
Neall, Christopher
Newcomer, James
Newman, Kathleen
Noceti, George
Oien, Gordon
Owens, Daniel
Owens, Marjorie
Paff, Shereen
Page, Clarence
Palumbo, Florence
Phillips, Debra
Pickett, Beal
Popko, Ronald
Reeves, Gwynne
Schipke, Jean
Schuler, Irene
Schwab, Pamela
Self, Ann
Shier, Susan
Slonneger, Glen
Slotnick, Melvin
Smith, Douglas
Stallworth, Darrell
Steninger, Larry
Sunderland, Bruce
Swaino, Marian
Tetrault, Donna
Truax, Scott
Turner, Ronald
Unell, Anne
Voorhies, Jill
Voorhies, Mark
Wadsworth, Jay
Walker, Susan
Werner, Rita
Wilmot, Patrick

Provisional Certification--
Continued

Wilson, George
 Wood, James
 Wood, Marjorie
 Zimbelman, John
 Zirklebach, Lynne

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 fication Committee as of July 20,
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Permanent Certification

Acton, James
 Arlt, Ronald
 Atkinson, Tommy
 Aust, Adrienne
 Bailey, Leo
 Ballard, Clarence
 Beliveau, Monica
 Bell, Nancy
 Bentzen, Billie
 Berg, Rachel
 Bergeron, Susan
 Bischoff, Fred
 Bjork, Evert
 Blakeslee, Raymond
 Blasch, Bruce
 Bohman, Richard
 Boyle, Mary
 Bradfield, Betty
 Brooks, Raymond
 Brown, Michael
 Bryan, William
 Bryant, Bob
 Bugielski, Richard
 Buonanni, Brian
 Burke, John
 Bush, Dennis
 Campbell, Lawrence
 Campos, Radames
 Carney, James
 Carugati, Donald
 Cavanaugh, Mary
 Chee, Leatrice
 Ciampa, William
 Clark, Terrence

Cole, Martha
 Coolman, Vaughn
 Corbett, Alford
 Cordell, James
 Corkery, Robert
 Crouse, Robert
 Crozier, Jr., Charles
 Cruthirds, Leslie
 Curtis, William
 Darling, Nancy
 Daugherty, Kathryn
 Davis, Lynn
 De Piano, Darlene
 Di Mattia, Ralph
 Di Zebba, Anthony
 Dolan, Mary
 Dolan, William
 Dornbusch, Helen
 Dotson, Nancy
 Doyle, James
 Duran, Isidoro
 Eigler, Judy
 Eisenberg, Robert
 Ekstrom, William
 Elias, Helen
 Embry, Brenda
 Estersohn, Harriet
 Enzinna, A. James
 Farmer, Leicester
 Fay, Joseph
 Ferraro, John
 Ferraro, Sandra
 Fleharty, Dean
 Fletcher, James
 Floyd, Janet
 Gagnon, Rene
 Gamble, Kevin
 Gannon, William
 Gilligan, Veronica
 Gillis, James
 Gilson, Charles
 Glatz, Paul
 Gockman, Robert
 Goldberg, Samuel
 Goodsaid, Daniel
 Greene, Mary
 Griess, Raymond
 Guidry, Tilden
 Haith, Leon
 Hall, Robert

Permanent Certification--
Continued

Hammond, Patricia
 Hapeman, Lawrence
 Harvin, Ernest
 Hazekamp, John
 Head, Daniel
 Healey, Jill
 Healy, Gene
 Hennessey, Joseph
 Hey, Clarence
 Higgins, Michael
 Hill, Everett
 Hines, Samuel
 Howell, Jacqueline
 Howell, Robert
 Hubbard, James
 Huff, Roger
 Hughes, Robert
 Jackson, Diane
 Jacobson, William
 Jansen, Wayne
 Johnson, Nancy
 Johnson, Phillip
 Kapphahn, David
 Keblbek, Elizabeth
 King, Larry
 Kingsley, Wilfred
 Kirchner, Sharon
 Knight, Wayne
 Koper, David
 Kopitsky, Joseph
 Kording, George
 Kossick, Rodney
 Kramer, Louis
 Kroleski, Patricia
 Kucera, Bette
 LaDuke, Robert
 Larson, Richard
 Lasky, Harry
 Lassen, James
 Lawless, Mary Ann
 Leeder, William
 Lessard, Kevin
 Lessne, Robert
 Levenbach, Beth
 Liska, James
 LoGuidice, Donald
 Lolli, Dennis
 Long, Robert

Lydon, William
 McCoy, Edward
 McDade, Paul
 McFetridge, Marcia
 McGowan, David
 McGraw, Loretta
 MacLeod, E. Ruth
 Mahnke, Mark
 Major, Michael
 Malamazian, John
 Manuele, Anthony
 Mees, Edward
 Michel, Lillian
 Mills, Robert
 Miller, Daniel
 Minor, John
 Montgomery, Robert
 Moore, Frank
 Moore, Julia
 Morris, Catherine
 Morrison, Kenneth
 Mundy, Marianne
 Mundy, Gerald
 Murphy, Michael
 Murphy, William
 Nichols, Gordon
 Noble, J. Wayne
 Numsen, George
 O'Connor, Patricia
 Olenek, Walter
 Olsen, Douglas
 Olson, John
 O'Neill, Arthur
 Papineau, Andrew
 Paradise, Samuel
 Parrish, John
 Pierson, Neil
 Pociask, Walter
 Polfus, Edward
 Ponder, Purvis
 Quillman, Robert
 Raducha, Joyce
 Richards, Robert
 Ridgeway, Robert
 Robinson, Eddie
 Rocsin, John
 Rosemeyer, Martha
 Rudder, Maria
 Rudkin, Stanley
 Russo, Richard
 Rutberg, Judith

Permanent Certification--
Continued

Ryan, Daniel
 Ryan, Francis
 Scheel, Paul
 Scheffel, Robert
 Schelb, Mike
 Schneider, Nancy
 Schultz, Gary
 Seelye, Wilma
 Beidberg, Carol
 Semmes, Clovis
 Seward, Rosalie
 Shannon, Phillips
 Sharko, Judith
 Siegel, Alan
 Silver, Frederick
 Smith, Audrey
 Smith, Diane
 Smith, Jesse
 Smith, Robert
 Soja, Patrick
 Springer, William
 Stanton, Claude
 Stealey, Sue
 Stephens, Arline
 Stephens, Noel
 Steward, Donald
 Sullivan, William
 Suterko, Stanley
 Tabor-Beck, Linda
 Talarico, Anthony
 Tapp, Kenneth
 Taube, Irene
 Taviani, Paul
 Taylor, David
 Texley, Ronald
 Thuis, Edward
 Thuis, Michael
 Trevena, Thomas
 Umsted, Richard
 Vandergrift, Gerald
 Van Hoven, Thomas
 Vanderveer, Lowell
 Vigoroso, Hugo
 Von Handorf, Richard
 Von Schneden, Margaret
 Vopata, Alvin
 Walkowiak, William

Ward, Charles
 Ward, Rex
 Wardell, Kent
 Watefield, Peter
 Webber, Margaret
 Webster, Richard
 Weessies, Marvin
 Welsh, Richard
 Wetsch, Ricarda
 Whitehead, James
 Widerberg, Lloyd
 Wiener, William
 Winans, Jan
 Wood, Daniel
 Wood, Franklin
 Wood, Thomas
 Wooling, Howard
 Wright, Charles
 Wright, Jarrel
 Wurzbarger, Berdell
 Wynn, Sidney
 Yablonski, Martin
 Yocum, Phillip
 Yuen, Carolyn
 Ziff, David
 Ziska, Leonard

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Adair, Elly
 Alexander, Karen
 Allen, Craig
 Altman, Jo Anne
 Angus, Matthew
 Anthony, Thomas
 Appel, Gail
 Apple, Marianne
 Azpeitia, Armando
 Baird, Anne
 Barlow, Beverly
 Basham, Leland
 Baumstark, Catherine
 Bauserman, Charles
 Beard, David

Provisional Certification--
Continued

Bennehof, Ronald
 Bentley, Gary
 Berinati, William
 Biggs, Wanda
 Bina, Michael
 Blasch, Bernard
 Blue, Dawn
 Boe, Eric
 Boehm, Wendy
 Borkon, Michael
 Boughton, Robert
 Bradfield, Anna
 Butler, David
 Caldwell, Matthew
 Caron, Jan
 Carroll, Antoinette
 Carter, Connie
 Carter, Kent
 Cheek, Kathleen
 Clapp, John
 Como, James
 Conte, John
 Cook, Christine
 Cook, Harry
 Cooper, Thomas
 Corbett, Michael
 Cordle, Dan
 Crummel, Berta
 Curtis, Cynthia
 Dailey, Robert
 Davis, Raymond
 Day, Robert
 Dechaine, Gary
 Del Frari, Paul
 De Rubis, Donald
 Devereaux, Karen
 Dieckmann, Catherine
 Diehl, Susan
 Dillon, Michael
 Doehne, Linda
 Dosch, Thomas
 Douglas, Jean
 Duehl, Alice
 Dunn, James
 Dwyer, Margaret
 Dyer, Charleye
 Elliott, Michael
 Ervin, Sue

Esposito, Robert
 Evans, Patricia
 Fawcett, Rebecca
 Fazzi, Vincent
 Fenchak, Ronald
 Fielder, Brenda
 Fisher, Constance
 Fisk, Samuel
 Flanigan, Susan
 Fluharty, William
 Flynn, Kevin
 Forman, Edward
 Fox, Catherine
 Franke, Richard
 Friedland, Lynn
 Friedman, Robert
 Gebhardt, Carolyn
 Gienau, Ellen
 Giers, Phillip
 Goldie, Dorothy
 Goodrich, Hera
 Grant, Ilene
 Griffin, Lorraine
 Grogan, Jean
 Hale, Jean
 Hall, John
 Hampton, Sharon
 Harren, Patricia
 Harrington, Susan
 Hatch, Catherine
 Haynes, Brenda
 Hazard, Jr., Willis
 Heekin, Polly
 Herron, Michael
 Hill, J. Allen
 Hirsch, Karin
 Horney, Lorraine
 Houghton, Rosemary
 Hudson, Laura
 Hurley, Raymond
 Hyer, Richard
 Jacobson, William
 Jessen, Philip
 Johnson, Scott
 Jones, Jimmy
 Kashinsky, Shelley
 Kasprzak, Josephine
 Katz, Constance
 Keith, David
 Kelly, Genevieve
 Kessler, James

Provisional Certification--
Continued

Klahm, Alex
 Klushin, Kay
 Kording, Donald
 Kronick, Lewis
 Lane, Diane
 Lane, Patricia
 Langan, Carla
 Lapekas, Phillip
 La Point, Dennis
 LeDuc, James
 Lee, Edward
 Lee, Stephen
 Lester, Wayne
 Levithan, Nance
 Lewis, Harold
 Lieberman, Robert
 Lindh, Peter
 Lloyd, Rawson
 Loarie, Constance
 Longo, Terrence
 Luken, Charles
 Lyon, Sharon
 McClintock, Raymond
 McCloskey, Sandra
 McCloskey, William
 McConville, Edward
 McCoy, Margaret
 McCulloch, Kenneth
 McDonald, Fletcher
 McHugh, John
 McIntyre, Kathleen
 McLaughlin, Dan
 Macknin, Carol
 MacWilliam, Laurel
 Mammel, Terrance
 Marsh, Mimi
 Mayer, Monty
 Maywalt, David
 Miles, Shirley
 Miller, Carol
 Millspaugh, David
 Mock, Dawn
 Morgan, Janet
 Morse, Kathleen
 Mortarelli, Ettore
 Moylan, Jr., Lambert
 Munton, George
 Myers, Lois

Nathan, Jeanette
 Neall, Christopher
 Necaise, Nick
 Nelson, Daniel
 Newby, Orrin
 Newcomer, James
 Newman, Kathleen
 Noceti, George
 O'Brien, Paul
 Oien, Gordon
 O'Shaughnessy, Thomas
 Owens, Daniel
 Owens, Marjorie
 Paff, Shereen
 Page, Clarence
 Palumbo, Florence
 Petrizzi, Michael
 Petrus, Christine
 Phillips, Debra
 Pickett, Beal
 Popko, Ronald
 Rakoczy, Suzanne
 Randolph, Leo
 Reed, Marianne
 Reeves, Gwynne
 Rolstad, Janice
 Saber, Gala
 Sanford, Stephen
 Sauerburger, Dona
 Schipke, Jean
 Schuler, Irene
 Schuricht, Richard
 Schwab, Pamela
 Self, Ann
 Shier, Susan
 Sifferman, Eileen
 Slonneger, Glen
 Slotnick, Melvin
 Smith, Douglas
 Smith, Edward
 Souris, Constantine
 Stallworth, Darrell
 Steninger, Larry
 Sunderland, Bruce
 Swaino, Marian
 Syverson, Phillip
 Terzieff, Ivan
 Tetrault, Donna
 Thompson, Thomas
 Truax, Scott
 Todd, Karen

Provisional Certification--
Continued

Turner, Ronald
Unell, Anne
Van Hoven, Thomas
Voorhies, Jill
Voorhies, Mark
Wadsworth, Jay
Walker, Susan
Wallace, Bruce
Warrick, James
Webster, Diane
Weiss, Ellen
Welker, Mary
Werner, Rita
Whitcomb, Lois
Williamson, Ted
Willits, Patricia
Wilmot, Patrick
Wilson, George
Wood, James
Wood, Marjorie
Young, Christine
Zalewski, June

Zimbelman, John
Zirklebach, Lynne

With the inclusion of those applicants certified by the Board of AAWB on this date, this board since its inception in 1969 has on record 256 individuals possessing Permanent Certification and 236 individuals possessing Provisional Certification.

Respectfully Submitted,

Berdell H. Wurzburger,
Chairman
Robert Crouse, Ed.D.
Everett Hill
Robert LaDuke
William Walkowiak
Lloyd Widerberg

REPORT OF REHABILITATION CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE
JULY 1973 - JULY 1975

Rehabilitation Teachers Permanently Certified

<u>Name</u>	<u>State of Residence</u>	<u>Date</u>
Beauline, Suzanne	Ontario, Canada	5/3/74
Bogdan, Karen J.	Pennsylvania	"
Comba, Linda R.	Manitoba, Canada	"
Curtiss, Karen	Michigan	"
Dreifuss, Beverly	Wisconsin	"
Frank, Virginia	Illinois	"
Hawton, Tannis	Saskatchewan, Canada	"
Jacobs, Roy	Pennsylvania	"
Legge, Edward L.	Pennsylvania	"
Linz, Carole (Jenson)	Kansas	"
McGilly, Louise	Ontario, Canada	"
Oliver, Scott B.	New York	"
Simmons, Walter C.	Michigan	"
Utrup, James A.	Kentucky	"
Wile, Barbara	Michigan	"
Mazzola, Kathleen	Michigan	11/4/74
Nelipovich, Michael	New Mexico	"
Reaume, Charla	Virginia	"
Roebuck, Robert	Pennsylvania	"
Rudd, Charlotte	New York	"
Todd, Enoch	New Jersey	"
Vartunas, Gerrie	Illinois	"
Wolinsky, Harriet	New York	"
Armijo, David	Arizona	4/30/75
Boes, John	Pennsylvania	"
Crews, Janice	New York	"
Gentry, David	Indiana	"
Huerstel, George	Arizona	"
Lassman, Dean	Oklahoma	"
Mahoney, Mary	Maryland	"
Mungaray, Ray	Arizona	"
Nickolson, Donald	Illinois	"
Olson, Linda	Arizona	"
Walsh, Thomas	Pennsylvania	"
Washburn, Barbara	Michigan	"
Bowden, Connie	Kansas	7/20/75
Bussen, Patricia	Michigan	"
Crawley, Taletha	Michigan	"
Davis, Audrey	Virginia	"

<u>Name</u>	<u>State of Residence</u>	<u>Date</u>
Kolterman, Sandra	California	7/20/75
LeRoy, Charles (Jr.)	Indiana	"
Namekata, Keiko	Illinois	"
Neuburger, Mariann	Illinois	"
Nunnally, Marcia R.	Virginia	"
Packer, Joyce	Michigan	"
Schneider, Jean	Indiana	"
Wiggins, Lynn	Michigan	"
Butler, Elizabeth	Illinois	"
 Brown, Barbara	 Pennsylvania	 5/3/74
Frederking, Dolores	Oregon	"
Greulich, Carol L.	Ohio	"
Iannelli, Christine	Pennsylvania	"
Vines, Clifford (Mrs.)	California	"
Whittaker, Pamela	Pennsylvania	"
 Blasingim, Linda	 Tennessee	 11/4/74
Brambila, Belon	Georgia	"
Dames, Anita	Florida	"
Frye, Susan	Georgia	"
Merry, Mattie	Tennessee	"
 Amerin, Leonard	 Kansas	 4/30/75
Barnes, Susan	Tennessee	"
Fricke, Dolores	Arizona	"
Grieser, Mary	Indiana	"
Horne, Sandra	Pennsylvania	"
Houston, Jerry	Kansas	"
Kellner, Michele	Arizona	"
Maizells, Vera	Maryland	"
Mott, Barbara	Tennessee	"
Powell, Genevieve	Kansas	"
Ruprecht, Vernetta	Kansas	"
Young, Pamela	Tennessee	"
 Hunter, Johnnie (Mrs.)	 Pennsylvania	 7/20/75
Hungate, Cassandra	Illinois	"

Respectfully Submitted,

Frances Crawford, Chairman
David Armijo
Velma Becker
Louise Cowan
Audrey Davis
Ruth Kaarlela

REPORT ON THE WORLD COUNCIL FOR THE WELFARE OF THE BLIND

Cleo B. Dolan, Alternate Delegate,
Executive Director, Cleveland Society for the Blind

The quinquennial meeting of the General Assembly of the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind took place in Sao Paulo, Brazil, August 5-16, 1974. The United States official delegation consisted of the following: Mr. M. Robert Barnett, Chairman, (American Foundation for the Blind); Dr. Isabel Grant (National Federation of the Blind); Mrs. Ferne K. Roberts (Association for Education of the Visually Handicapped); Mr. Floyd Qualls (American Council of the Blind); and Mr. Cleo Dolan (AAWB). A number of other prominent American workers for the Blind, some of whom participated on the program by the presentation of papers, were also in attendance. Among them were Mr. Ross Purse (Canadian National Institute for the Blind), who was elected as Chairman of the newly created WCWB Oceania-North America Regional Committee; Mr. Harold G. Roberts (American Foundation for Overseas Blind), member of the WCWB Executive Board; Mr. Harold Richterman (National Industries for the Blind); Mr. Burt Risley (National Council of State Agencies for the Blind); Dr. Natalie Barraga (University of Texas); Dr. Jeanne Kenmore, Director of Education, AFOB, and current President of the International Council for Education of the Visually Handicapped.

The WCWB is an international organization founded in 1931

comprised of more than sixty member nations. The objectives of the Council are "to work for the welfare of the blind and the prevention of blindness throughout the world by providing the means of consultation between organizations of and for the blind in different countries, and by the creation of coordinating bodies where necessary, and for joint action where possible toward the introduction of minimum standards for the welfare of the blind in all parts of the world. . . ." A major purpose of the Council is to represent the blind and those who work in their service at the international level and to place the needs and aspirations of the blind before the United Nations and its specialized agencies, to recommend measures for improving their standards of living and to encourage all social and legislative action to achieve the full integration of the blind in the general community. WCWB enjoys consultative relationships with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the ILO, UNESCO, UNICEF and WHO.

To insure continuity of the Council's efforts between meetings of the General Assembly, the organization is structured into a number of regional and standing committees. Mr. Ross Purse chairs the Committee on Social Development, Mr. Harold G. Roberts serves in a similar capacity on

the Committee on Aid to Developing Countries, and Dr. Richard Kinney (Hadley School) is Chairman of the Committee on Services to the Deaf-Blind.

In addition to the more than 140 official delegates, the General Assembly was attended by approximately 800 observers. Prominent leaders in work for the blind in countries around the world participated actively in the professional meetings by presenting papers and serving on panels dealing with vital subjects related to developments in all aspects of services to blind persons.

Important resolutions were passed by the official delegate body on the following subjects: prevention of blindness, employment opportunities, aid to developing countries, pensions, research utilization, mobilization of community resources, action for the deaf-blind, relationships between the blind and other handicapped groups of society, access to written communication, standardization of braille, orientation and mobility, low vision, and recreational activities.

Mr. Charles Hedkvist (Swedish Association of the Blind), who had served as President of the Council during the past five years presided at the General Assembly. (It is sad to note that Mr. Hedkvist died quite unexpectedly last spring.) Mr. Boris V. Zimin (President of the All Russia Association of the Blind) was elected President of WCWB for a five year term succeeding Mr. Hedkvist.

Other highlights of the meeting included the following: (1) the formation of a new affiliated organization, namely the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness, which has the official support of WHO. Sir John Wilson, Director of the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind, has been elected President of this organization, (2) in addition to RCSB and AFOB, two additional international organizations were elected to membership on the Council. These are the Christoffel-Blindenmission and the International Services for the Blind. The latter is directed by Mr. Roy Kumpe who also was present in Sao Paulo. (3) Successful efforts were made to strengthen the financial base of the WCWB during the meeting in Sao Paulo at which time a large number of organizations from the more developed countries pledged additional support for the next five year period over and above their normal membership fees. (4) In addition to Mr. Zimin, who as mentioned earlier was elected President, the following other individuals were elected to office: Mr. Anders Arnor (Sweden), Honorary Secretary General; Mr. John C. Colligan, (U.K.), Honorary Treasurer; and Mr. Abdullah M. Al-Ghanim (Saudi Arabia), Mrs. Dorina de Gouvea Nowill (Brazil), Mr. Eero Hakkinen (Finland), Mr. Hideyuki Iwahashi (Japan), Mr. Mohammed Rajhi (Tunisia), Vice-Presidents.

The next meeting of the Executive Board of the Council will be held in Saudi-Arabia in 1977, at which time a determination will be made of the

location of the next quinquennial meeting of the General Assembly scheduled to be held in 1979.

Respectively Submitted,
Cleo Dolan,
Alternate Delegate

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

McAllister C. Upshaw, Chairman

Resolution 1

WHEREAS, the purpose of the AAWB is to render all possible assistance in the promotion, development and improvement of services to blind persons in the Americas, and

WHEREAS, among the methods by which it aspires to achieve its purpose the AAWB Constitution includes: assisting in the development of professional standards for personnel engaged in the specialized program of service to blind persons, and

WHEREAS, the AAWB has established precedent for its support of standards through the inauguration of such practices as awarding the Seal of Good Practice to agencies and establishing certification standards for Rehabilitation Teachers and Orientation and Mobility Specialists, and

WHEREAS, the National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped was established in 1967 to improve service to blind persons through the application of standards in a system of voluntary accreditation, and

WHEREAS, the AAWB discontinued the Seal of Good Practice in

deference to the accreditation program of the National Accreditation Council upon the Latter's establishment, and

WHEREAS, the AAWB as a democratic membership organization of agencies and individuals, by virtue of its stated purposes may be expected to support efforts toward appropriate practice,

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the American Association of Workers for the Blind hereby expresses support for all agencies which wish to apply for accreditation, and further, urge them to apply for accreditation forthwith.

Resolution 2

WHEREAS, the development of comprehensive low vision services will require the training of additional personnel and additional training of existing personnel, and

WHEREAS, low vision training is needed for eye care specialists, special education teachers, librarians, orientation and mobility specialists, rehabilitation counselors, social workers, and allied health care professionals, and

WHEREAS, this will involve the development of curricula aimed at better client low vision care, be it, therefore,

RESOLVED, at the AAWB Convention assembled in Atlanta, Georgia, July 20-23, 1975, that appropriate interest groups, professional organizations, university training programs, and resource agencies be called upon to develop curricula for the additional training of personnel to provide comprehensive low vision services.

Resolution 3

WHEREAS, comprehensive low vision care is not now supported by proposed federal legislation for health insurance and health maintenance organizations, and

WHEREAS, comprehensive low vision services include: eye health care, optometric or ophthalmological refraction, low vision aids, training in use of low vision aids in reading, writing, mobility, and work-related activities; counseling and adjustment services, and

WHEREAS, the low vision population of this country consists of an estimated 2.5 million citizens, and

WHEREAS, continued absence of low vision services constitutes a national disgrace, be it, therefore,

RESOLVED, by the AAWB Convention assembled in Atlanta, Georgia, July 20-23, 1975, that the organization strongly support

the inclusion of comprehensive low vision services in federal legislation concerning national health insurance and health maintenance organizations; and the implementation of comprehensive low vision services within federal agencies which now have authorizing legislation.

Resolution 4

WHEREAS, there is a pressing need for guidelines on comprehensive low vision services which reflect the best available knowledge and practice, and

WHEREAS, the absence of such guidelines is restricting legislative and administrative progress toward these services, and

WHEREAS, the development of guidelines would focus commitment on comprehensive quality care, and

WHEREAS, the population to be served represents an estimated 2.5 million citizens, and

WHEREAS, the national system for comprehensive low vision care is long overdue, be it, therefore

RESOLVED, by the AAWB Convention assembled in Atlanta, Georgia, July 20-23, 1975, that the AAWB stimulate and support efforts to develop guidelines for comprehensive low vision services.

Resolution 5

WHEREAS, at its 1968 Convention in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, the membership of the American

Association of Workers for the Blind adopted a resolution limiting the Legislative Committee to seven members, and

WHEREAS, the experience of the Legislative Committee since 1968 demonstrates need for more than seven members, and

WHEREAS, the need for a larger committee has heretofore been carefully considered by the Board of Directors, which recommends removal of the number limitation,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the membership of the American Association of Workers for the Blind in convention assembled at Atlanta, Georgia on this 23rd day of July, 1975 that the said 1968 resolution limiting membership of the Legislative Committee to seven be, and the same hereby is repealed, cancelled, and rendered null and void.

Resolution 6

WHEREAS, the Rehabilitation Teacher plays a vital role in the restoration of skills during the rehabilitation of blind persons, and

WHEREAS, the Comstac Report designates the Rehabilitation Teacher as a person with proper academic training and qualifications in the field of education, engaged in teaching special skills to blind and visually handicapped persons, and

WHEREAS, the present supply of Rehabilitation Teachers does not meet the ever-increasing demand, and

WHEREAS, several universities such as Boston College, Cleveland State University and the University of Northern Illinois have initiated formal academic training programs for Rehabilitation Teachers,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the membership of the American Association of Workers for the Blind in Convention assembled at Atlanta, Georgia on this 23rd day of July, 1975, that the membership lend its support and recognition to such Rehabilitation Teaching training programs as a step toward decreasing the critical shortage of these specialists while at the same time ensuring the constructive evolution of a Rehabilitation Teaching force, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the membership address itself to bringing public attention to the importance of professional quality in the provision of Rehabilitation Teaching services so that persons receiving help are assured to competent, constructive assistance and that personnel are appropriately trained at a professional level.

Resolution 7

WHEREAS, the AAWB is a national organization established to improve services for the blind and promote professionalism among its members, and

WHEREAS, consumerism is a critical factor within the field of work for the blind, and

WHEREAS, among agencies and persons working professionally in the field there is a concern about the direction of some aspects of consumerism,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of AAWB is authorized to develop a comprehensive policy, including a full statement of what constitutes responsible collaboration with various consumer groups-- to include identification of elements, definition of functions, and clarification of relationships with professionals in the field.

Resolution 8

WHEREAS, the members of the AAWB, assembled for their 1975 Convention, have received from Mrs. Philip Harrison a message which touched them deeply, and which they greeted with spontaneous applause, and whereas they were also enlightened and moved by the reading of Mrs. Harrison's poem, "Evergreen-- Armistice Day 1921," be it resolved that the members of the Association wish to express their abiding respect and affection for Mrs. Harrison and their appreciation of her spiritual and moral support, and be it further resolved that Mrs. Harrison be sent the greetings of the Convention and be informed of this resolution.

Resolution 9

WHEREAS, the American Association of Workers for the Blind supports the outstanding efforts of the National Institutes of Health, recognizing the priority

importance of research in glaucoma, cataract, diabetic retinopathy, and neonatal eye problems, and

WHEREAS, the AAWB commends Congressional determination to fully implement this national program to attack and alleviate vision problems of those Americans with visual handicaps,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the AAWB record its support by communication with appropriate members of the U.S. Congress now determining the level of funding for the National Eye Institute.

Approved at the 1975 Biennial Convention, meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, on July 23, 1975.

Resolution 10

WHEREAS, studies conducted in Michigan, New York and South Dakota have shown twenty-one to sixty percent of the population in alternate care facilities to have serious visual impairment not previously diagnosed,

WHEREAS, current procedures in most alternate care facilities (e.g., nursing homes, homes for the aged, and community living facilities for the mentally retarded) fail to identify serious visual impairment in routine admissions,

WHEREAS, unidentified visual impairment can adversely influence the evaluation, diagnosis and program planning for residents of alternate care facilities,

WHEREAS, undiagnosed and neglected vision problems can

lead to total blindness,

WHEREAS, with appropriate adaptation, effective vision screening has been demonstrated,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the membership of the American Association of Workers for the Blind assembled in Convention this 23rd day of July, 1975 at Atlanta, Georgia, that this membership endorses an urgent need for the development of programs of routine periodic vision screening in alternate care facilities, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Senate Committee investigating nursing homes and all State Legislatures be advised of this resolution.

Resolution 11

WHEREAS, Mrs. Alma Murphey, Vice President of Missouri Chapter, AAWB, has been invited to deliver a paper at the International Conference on the situation of blind women,

November 18 through 20, 1975, in Belgrade, Yugoslavia as a part of the International Women's Year, declared by the United Nations

WHEREAS, she has rendered distinguished service as a community leader particularly in connection with affairs of the blind in Missouri,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the AAWB, at the Convention assembled in Atlanta, Georgia, July 20 through 23, 1975, take note, in pride, of this distinguished opportunity,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be directed to her husband, her children, the Missouri AAWB Chapter and the Missouri Federation of the Blind.

Respectfully Submitted,

McAllister Upshaw, Chairman
Oraien Catledge
William J. Ferrell
John Florino
Constance Gant

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

1975 AAWB MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Charles W. Freeman, National Membership Chairman
Chief, Missouri Bureau for the Blind

At the last biennial meeting, the membership stood at 3,375, which represented a very substantial growth over the previous years. We have now achieved the highest membership in the history of our organization. To date we have 3,494 individual members.*

Another indication of the growth of AAWB is the fact that we now have 31 chapters, an increase of 3 chapters since 1973. Our leadership under Mr. Robert Whitstock has indeed been strong in the membership area. However, a great deal of the credit for such an outstanding membership year goes to the Membership Chairman, Co-Chairmen and Committees who are the real workers in the soliciting of members.

I would now like to present in numerical order the individual membership standing of the chapter and non-chapter units.

Chapters-Cont.

New York	166
New England	151
Florida	146
Arkansas	127
Virginia	106
Michigan	106
Illinois	102
North Carolina	98
DC, Maryland, W. Virginia	96
New Jersey	95
Northern California	91
Arizona	90
Mississippi	88
Georgia	88
Southern California	87
Tennessee	80
Alabama	65
Missouri	64
Rocky Mountain	60
Wisconsin	55
Indiana	52
South Carolina	51
Northwest	43
Great Plains	40
New Mexico	35
Minnesota	32
Louisiana	20

Chapters

Texas	430
Pennsylvania-Delaware	317
Oklahoma	230
Ohio	210

Non-Chapters

Canada	54
Kentucky	10
Hawaii	3
Iowa	3

* As corrected for press date.

Non-Chapters-Cont.

Nevada	1
Virgin Islands	1
Puerto Rico	1
TOTAL	3,494

On behalf of Ray Kumpe and myself we would like to express our deep appreciation to all of you who have assisted in the massive endeavor to maintain and increase memberships during the current membership years.

PRESENTATION OF
THE ALFRED ALLEN AWARD

To

Donald Wing Hathaway

President Emeritus
The Hadley School for the Blind
Previous Recipients

1973	J. Kenneth Cozier	1964	Howard T. Jones
1971	O. F. Wise	1963	Victoria Hackett
1969	Ms. Sidney E. Pollack	1962	Annie B. Johnson
1968	Elizabeth Rusk	1961	Mary Helen Erker
1967	Mrs. Jenny Beck	1960	Eleanor M. Ingram
1966	Howard M. Liechty	1958	Marian Held
1965	Sophy Forward		

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WORKERS FOR THE BLIND, INC.

Presents to

DONALD WING HATHAWAY

THE ALFRED ALLEN MEMORIAL AWARD

In Appreciation of Outstanding Service
to Blind Persons

Presented this 23rd Day of July, 1975

In the City of Atlanta, Georgia



Donald Hathaway recipient of the Alfred Allen Award

PRESENTATION

By

Roger D. Rouse
Hadley School for the Blind

An entire professional life of 47 years has been devoted to one goal--building a world wide education program for the visually impaired. Donald Wing Hathaway has achieved this goal in his life-time and today we honor him for his efforts.

He has been a modest leader dynamically building for the future. Under his leadership the Hadley School for the Blind grew in many areas. He began his role as leader of this institution in 1958 by recruiting a strong faculty. In the past 17 years the faculty has grown from 12 teachers to its present size of 60. Hadley's influence began to spread internationally under Don's quiet urging. From zero offices outside the United States to nine offices in Europe, Africa, Asia and South America. The curriculum grew also to where today, the Hadley School has a wide variety of courses not only in academic areas but vocational, recreational and rehabilitational. From the study of braille to the introduction of sound media Donald Wing Hathaway pioneered for the Hadley School.

He believed in the strength of the accreditation process. One of his first commitments when he assumed operational leadership of the Hadley School was to apply

for accreditation with the National Home Study Council in 1958. He went one step further when N.A.C. came into being; the Hadley School was ready to be accredited by them also.

However many and great the services Don rendered to Hadley School, I would be doing him and work for the blind in general a disservice were I not to mention some of his contributions to the field in general. I think that his greatest contribution has been his participation in so many national and international meetings in which he brought to bear the full weight of all his learning and experience. Don has always been a good wall against which to bounce ideas and proposals. His intelligence and openness to creative newness was always available and receptive. But at the same time, his experience and preparation in the work for the blind enabled him to act as a strong and decisive critic even though the mode and manner was always gentle.

We shall probably never know the extent of this indirect influence but I am sure that many here today have felt it and are proud to admit to it. I know that he has formed much of my thinking in this area and

I am certainly proud to say that I have learned from Don. Our work will continue--new horizons are always there--greater successes are always just around the corner. Newer generations of workers for the blind will do more and see further than Don because they are standing on his shoulders and on the shoulders of so many others like him.

A life of dedication to the ideal and the reality of work

for the blind can be crowned with so many satisfactions and I heartily hope all of them for Don. However, the one satisfaction which stands higher than all others must be recognition by his peers and fellow members of AAWB. It is in this context and under these most pleasant circumstances that I have the singular pleasure and privilege to present to you Don, the Alfred Allen Award.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE ALFRED ALLEN AWARD

Donald Wing Hathaway

First of all I want to thank the Awards Committee for selecting me as the recipient this year of the Alfred Allen Memorial Award. I am honored . . . but I feel unworthy of the honor. The Hadley Schools growth has been providential over the years: I have felt that I happened to be in the right place at the right time to do what was to be done. I accept this Award as being a tribute to my whole "Hadley Team" for I have been only one of many who have over the last 55 years contributed their strength and know-how to the development of the Hadley School. Among these many colleagues and co-workers past and present who have made the school what it is today, one of the most outstanding was Alfred Allen himself.

So it is a particular satisfaction for me to accept the Alfred Allen Memorial Award. Alfred Allen was my boss for nearly twenty years, in the

early decades of the Hadley School for the Blind--until he left Hadley to become Assistant Director of the American Foundation for the Blind in 1944.

In the spring of 1927, when I was a Freshman at Northwestern University, I received a phone call from Alfred Allen. He invited me to visit the Hadley School and said they were looking for a Spanish teacher. I was much impressed by Alfred Allen and William A. Hadley, and when they asked me whether I would be interested in teaching Spanish part-time, I seized the opportunity. I liked Spanish, along with a growing list of other courses, during my eight years at Northwestern University. When I had earned my M.A., Alfred Allen offered me a full-time teaching job, which I gladly accepted, after following through on a Fellowship at the Perkins School for the Blind for the then Harvard Graduate School course in the history of the education of the blind.

In the spring of 1936 I thus began working as a full-time instructor in the Winnetka offices of the Hadley School. For the next nine years, under Alfred Allen's direction, I learned much about the "University of Courage" as William A. Hadley liked to call his School, and about his hopes and dreams and the practical pursuit of these to make them reality. Alfred Allen's daily presence and influence helped mold my own concept of the future of the Hadley School.

Alfred Allen was a good man to work for, firm but understanding. His charming rough-hewn manner and wry sense of humor endeared him to us all. He had served in the British Navy during World War I, and then came as a young man to Chicago, as an accountant for the Rolls-Royce Company. He himself suffered continual migraine headaches, from which he could get little relief. He said little about them, but I felt that this suffering had something to do with his empathy for other people's problems.

Around 1921 Alfred Allen answered an ad in a Chicago newspaper that said a blind teacher needed a part-time secretary, and Alfred was soon working evenings and week-ends for William A. Hadley. His interest in the Hadley School grew, and as soon as it was incorporated in 1922, he was hired as Executive Secretary--a job that turned out to be more than a full-time one for him.

Alfred Allen always had the welfare of blind people at heart. It was his idea to lend spring-driven record players to Hadley

students, so that they could read disc-recorded books--an idea that was taken up by the Library of Congress and developed into the Talking Book program. He developed many practical courses, such as Home Economics for the blind housewife, and job-oriented courses like insurance selling, poultry raising, braille shorthand, and a specially prepared course for would-be blind authors. All of us who worked with Alfred Allen admired him for his dedication and tireless labor for the School, and for the welfare of blind people. His active role as Secretary General of the American Association of Workers for the Blind and as Assistant Director of the American Foundation for the Blind, after he left the Hadley School, are a matter of record.

We who worked for Alfred Allen knew him as a humble warrior . . . a gentle giant . . . a daily dynamo. He plunged into each day's work like a soldier "going over the top." Before him problems dematerialized. Each moment counted. When his work was done, he would make another trip to the Post Office for more mail. Typical of his endless energy was the way he typed and brailled. We used to remark that when he used the brailier, it sounded like a thrashing machine. Letters rolled out like from a press. His energy and business sense plus William A. Hadley's educational vision and direction provided a solid foundation for the world's first correspondence school for blind students. Under their direction, the School grew rapidly.

I seldom saw Alfred Allen after
he left Hadley--only several
times at AAWB Conventions. But
when he passed away, I felt it

as a great personal loss. At
that time I wrote this sonnet
to his memory:

The warrior sleeps. The flag of battle droops
At half-mast, to the tolling of the bell,
While, pausing for new strength, the scattered troops
Assemble down the field whereon he fell . . .
Where, with faith's stone, like David in his day,
He struck the giant. Once, like Israel,
He wrestled with an angel, and came away
A Prince with God. No longer sound he knell
Who was a captain in our earthly wars
Against one long-embattled citadel:
His Lord has taken now both pain and scars
Of the battle wounds he came to know so well.
He will awaken in a brave new dawn
Where sight is not of eyes, nor strength of brawn.

PRESENTATION OF THE JOHN H. MCAULAY AWARD

To

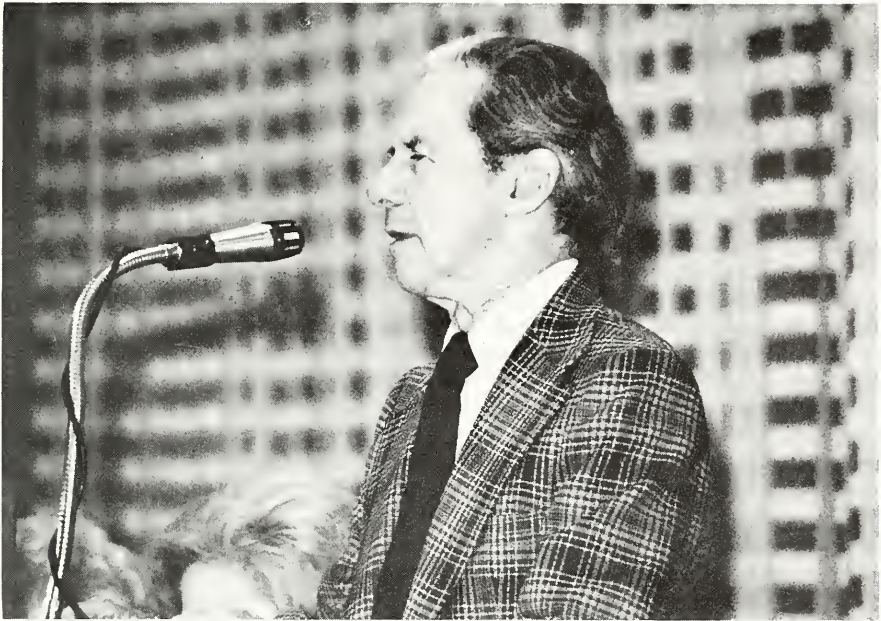
Thomas W. Dickey
Assistant Coordinator, Placement Counselor Training
Southern Illinois University

Previous Recipients

1973	Nicholas Williams	1968	Burt L. Risley
1971	Harold Richterman	1967	Arthur Vorhees
1969	Louis Viecei	1966	George Magers

Presentation By

Louis Viecei
Coordinator, Counselor Training Program
Southern Illinois University



Thomas Dickey recipient of the John McAulay Award

I am very pleased and honored to be presenting the John H. McAulay Award for outstanding achievement in the placement of blind persons. I am sure that Mr. McAulay would be as pleased as we are with this year's selection.

Mr. McAulay made a brilliant and lasting contribution to the field in promoting and broadening occupational areas for the blind--so too has Thomas W. Dickey. He has done much to shape and mould positive attitudes in the counselors on the productivity and worth of blind persons, not only in counselors who have attended our short course at Southern Illinois University but throughout the country participating in state, regional and national conferences, workshops, and in-service training programs.

Mr. Dickey has had a long and lustrous career in the "people helping business." As a young man he worked in a Tuberculosis Sanatorium as a Vocational Counselor. In 1943 with the establishment of agencies for the blind, he joined the staff of the Pennsylvania Council for the Blind as a placement specialist with state wide responsibilities. As a part of his orientation to the job he spent some time talking and going out for field work with Mr. McAulay's colleagues, who contributed so much to placement, Joe Clunk and Art Voorhees. He helped develop an on-going program in Pennsylvania that led to the effective placement of many blind persons.

He did so well with the placement process that he developed a

job for himself with Armstrong Cork as an Employee Counselor. From there he went to Shenango China Ink Pottery of New Castle, Pennsylvania where he was Director of Industrial Relations for 16 years.

In 1961 he decided to return to rehabilitation, and at the age of 51 enrolled at Southern Illinois University--Carbondale where he earned a second masters degree--this one in Rehabilitation Counseling. After graduation he served as Executive Director of the Phoenix Center for the Blind in Phoenix Arizona.

In 1964 we at Southern Illinois University and the Rehabilitation

Institute persuaded Tom to return to Carbondale to help coordinate the Placement Counselor Training Program where he has performed an outstanding job.

Mr. Dickey--I have been pleased to be a part of your life these past 11 years and it is with great pleasure that I present this John H. McAulay Award to you in behalf of AAWB, the many counselors and blind individuals who have profited from just knowing you. Also may I extend Jewell's and my congratulations to both you and Frances on your selection as the recipient of this great award.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WORKERS FOR THE BLIND, INC.

Presents the

JOHN H. MCAULAY AWARD

To

THOMAS W. DICKEY

For Outstanding
Achievement in the Placement
of
Blind Persons

1975

ACCEPTANCE OF THE JOHN H. MCAULAY AWARD

Thomas W. Dickey

In accepting this award, I see myself acting as a representative--a representative of all those trainees who, after attending the placement course at Carbondale, carried our ideas and suggestions back into the field and put them into practice to develop appropriate jobs for qualified blind persons. For affording me the opportunity to participate in this singular training program, I want to thank Dr. Guy Renzaglia, and I am especially indebted to Lou and to George Magers for the encouragement, support, and instruction they have provided over the past 11 years.

Although I did not know John McAulay personally I had the opportunity in 1942 to meet and work with two of his friends and associates, Joe Clunk and Art Voorhees. In the placement philosophy espoused by all these men, and given central importance in McAulay's training courses, it was the responsibility of the rehabilitation professional doing placement to intervene completely with the employer on the client's behalf. This involved persuading the employer to hire a qualified blind person, locating a feasible job, and, where appropriate, assisting in the new employee's training and his orientation to the physical and social work environment.

It is of some significance that the rehabilitation professionals at this time were called agents rather than counselors. By 1970 this approach

had been almost completely submerged by the wave of client-centered philosophy and values which inundated the vocational rehabilitation field during the 50's and 60's. During this transitional period, the term agent was dropped, rehabilitation professionals were known as counselors, and a client centered approach to placement emerged in which the major responsibility of the counselor was to prepare the client to develop his own job seeking program. That this approach has not been entirely successful is attested to by the fact that a major emphasis in the 1973 rehabilitation Act is on placement of the severely disabled, a need which has presumably not been met satisfactorily. While I can agree that it is undoubtedly beneficial for a client to participate as fully as he can in obtaining his own employment, I am equally certain that there are many instances where the successful employment of severely impaired clients cannot be achieved without appropriate intervention by the counselor on the client's behalf. A placement program designed to meet today's needs then would combine the best elements of the client-centered job-seeking skills approach with a revitalized and relevant adaptation of the philosophy and practice espoused by John McAulay.

My strong conviction of this point makes the receiving of this award especially meaningful,

and I wish to express my gratitude and sincere appreciation to

all those who helped to bring it about.

PRESENTATION OF THE PAST PRESIDENT'S AWARD

To

Texas Chapter
Accepted by

Janie Fox Jones
President, Texas Chapter of AAWB

Presentation by

Howard Hanson, Director
Services to the Blind and Visually Handicapped
Pierre, South Dakota

This year the Past President's Award is being presented to the Texas Chapter of AAWB which, since its organization in 1968, has demonstrated outstanding capacity for growth--not only in membership, but more importantly, for its substantive contribution to improving work for the blind.

The Texas Chapter was organized in June 1968, with only 29 members, Mr. Burt L. Risley was elected as the first President and he, along with 5 of the original 29 members, are here to see Texas accept this award.

Under the strong leadership of the current president, Janie Fox Jones and the membership chairperson, Julia Young, at the present time the Texas Chapter has in excess of 400 members including representatives from a variety of professions, education, medicine, rehabilitation, and blind persons themselves. This membership constellation

provides a forum for the development of mutual cooperation and interchange of ideas among the variety of interested parties in work for the blind in Texas.

Chapter meetings have been held annually since 1968. Program activities have included a variety of presentations regarding activities on a national, regional and state level and related to legislative issues, educational services, medical developments, aids and appliances for the blind, services to the deaf-blind, and activities generated by all the interest groups within the National AAWB organization.

Participation in Chapter meetings has grown from the 29 in 1968 to 425 at the conference this past June.

This degree of participation and interest in Texas Chapter

activities has broadened into participation on the national level as exemplified by the fact that about 20% of the membership of the Texas Chapter of AAWB is participating in this National AAWB Conference.

All of this makes Texas Chapter truly the outstanding Chapter of the National AAWB Organization for 1975.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE PAST PRESIDENT'S AWARD

(Mrs.) Janie Fox Jones

On behalf of the Texas Chapter of AAWB, it truly is a great honor to accept the Past-President's award.

When membership in an organization continues to grow, it usually is an indication that something vital, worthwhile, and important is happening. I would like to mention just a few of the many factors which we think have contributed to growth in the Texas Chapter.

First, if we are to believe the wonderful stories that Mr. Whitstock tells about Texans--and we certainly do believe them--then we must conclude that Texans are--among other things--imaginative, rather bold people who work together and trust each other. In delivery of services to visually handicapped persons in our state, we are working together and trusting each other. As a result, we feel that our clients and students are the beneficiaries. The members of our chapter truly represent this "team" of workers for the blind and from this we draw strength. One group which has inspired us all is our

group of over 100 secretaries and other supportive workers who are contributing so much to work for the blind and are thoroughly involved in the activities of our chapter.

The second factor which has promoted growth is the development of active Chapter Interest Groups.

The third item perhaps should have been mentioned first--because it happened first and that is the incomparable support and leadership provided by Mr. Burt Risley and the staff of the Texas Commission for the Blind in organizing the Texas Chapter of AAWB. This strong and continuing support is something that cannot be described, but only experienced. If you are from Texas, you know what I mean.

The last factor that I would like to mention is our secret weapon--our marvelous membership chairman, Mrs. Julia Young. I have asked Mrs. Young to join me on the platform to accept the Past President's award.

We consider this award not only
a great honor, but also a chal-

lenge. Thank you very much.

AWARD BANQUET

PRESENTATION OF THE AMBROSE M. SHOTWELL MEMORIAL MEDAL AND SCROLL

To

ROY KUMPE, L.L.D.
Executive Director, Arkansas Enterprises
for the Blind, Inc.

Previous Recipients

Mr. Robert S. Bray	1973	Mr. Peter J. Salmon	1955
Mr. Arthur N. MaGill	1971	Mr. Stetson K. Ryan	1954
Mr. Louis H. Rives, Jr.	1969	Mr. L. L. Watts	1953
Mr. George Werntz	1968	Col. E. A. Baker	1952
Mr. Jansen Noyes, Jr.	1967	Helen Keller	1951
Mr. Henry A. Wood	1966	Winifred Hathaway	1950
Dr. Berthold Lowenfeld	1965	Mary Dranga Campbell	1950
Mr. George E. Keane	1964	Mr. Joseph Clunk	1949
Judge Sam M. Cathey	1963	Dr. Newell L. Perry	1948
Mr. Lon E. Alsup	1962	Florence L. Birchard	1947
Mr. Francis J. Cummings	1961	Dr. Edward E. Allen	1945
Mr. Philip M. Harrison	1960	Mr. Cobrun L. Broun	1943
Mrs. Lee S. Johnston	1959	Mr. M. C. Migel	1941
Mr. Francis Iberardi	1958	Mr. H. R. Latimer	1939
Mr. J. Robert Atkinson	1957	Mr. Charles W. Holmes	1939
Maurice I. Tynan	1956		

PRESENTATION OF MEDAL

By

Louis H. Rives, Jr.
 Director of Research, Arkansas Enterprises
 for the Blind, Inc.

Mr. President, Distinguished
 Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is indeed a pleasure for me to have a part tonight in honoring a long-time friend and colleague for whom I have sincere affection, respect and admiration. I think those who have been selected to receive the Shotwell Award feel a special sense of pride for two reasons. First, it places you in a select company of those who have steadfastly fought for and achieved progress for blind people.

Secondly, you are placed in that company by your own colleagues and peers, the members of the American Association of Workers for the Blind who know your work at firsthand. It has to be a great personal satisfaction to be placed in the company of Helen Keller, Mary Switzer, Francis Cummings, and Peter Salmon, and placed there by those who know you best.

Throughout your distinguished career you have demonstrated and continue to demonstrate the



Roy Kumpe recipient of the Ambrose M. Shotwell Award

qualities of leadership which make for greatness. In 1938 you were elected president of the Arkansas School for the Blind Alumni. In 1939 you organized Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind but more of this later. You helped organize and served as president of the National Council of State Agencies Serving the Blind. You have served the AAWB in many important capacities: as an influential member of the Legislative Committee and the Board of Directors, and as president from 1951 to 1953. You helped the Commission on Standards and Accreditation to develop standards for rehabilitation centers and you now serve as a member of the National Accreditation Council. You have served on the Board of the American Foundation for the Blind and as charter president of the National Council of Rehabilitation Centers for the Blind. You have also given generously of your time to the strengthening of services to the blind throughout the world by serving as a consultant in Mexico and El Salvador, and by establishing the International Services for the Blind as a focal point for training professional personnel from all over the world.

In addition to all of these achievements you have made important contributions to International Lionism about which Mr. Davis will talk in greater detail and you have also been a civic leader in your city and state. These achievements have brought richly deserved recognition; for example, you have received an award from the Arkansas Association of Vending

Stand Operators and the Migel Medal, the highest award of the American Foundation for the Blind.

Of those who have received the Shotwell Award since H. R. Latimer and Charles W. Holmes in 1939, you are the first who has made a major contribution by developing and perfecting a nationally recognized rehabilitation center for the blind, a center which it might be boastful for a fellow Arkansan to say is the best rehabilitation center in the world, but of which it is just plain Arkansas honesty to say there is none better.

I remember when we first met in 1944 when you represented the entire staff of the Arkansas agency involved in services for the blind at a training session to explore the new Vocational Rehabilitation Act. I remember at that time how you constantly sought to find ways in which federal funds could be used better to serve blind people. This characteristic has stayed with you ever since. You are never satisfied with what exists but constantly seek more effective ways to help blind people achieve dignity and independence. For your courage to dream, for your capacity to translate dreams into tangible reality, for your belief in blind people, and for your continuing efforts to use all of your skills, resources, and faith in behalf of those to whom you have dedicated your life, I present to you, Roy Kumpe, the Ambrose M. Shotwell Distinguished Service Medal.

PRESENTATION OF THE AMBROSE M. SHOTWELL
MEMORIAL SCROLL

By

Finis E. Davis, Vice President and
General Manager, American Printing House
for the Blind, Inc.

President Whitstock, Mrs.
Roberts, (President AEVH), Of-
ficers, Directors, Fellow
Members of AAWB and guests:

This is indeed a delightful occasion and I consider it a privilege and high honor to present to Dr. Roy Kumpe the Scroll as a part of the Ambrose M. Shotwell Distinguished Service Award presentation on behalf of the membership of this great Association. I cannot think of a more deserving person to receive this Distinguished Award than Roy Kumpe, Director of the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind and the International Services for the Blind, one of the most widely known and outstanding rehabilitation facilities in the nation--serving the blind in many states and several nations of the world.

I well remember when Roy came into work for the blind in 1939, the year I became superintendent of the Arkansas School for the Blind. We have been working closely together since. At that time, he was a recent graduate of the Little Rock Law School and was being paid a small salary by the state department of welfare to develop a vending stand program, but no funds were made available to establish stands. We are honoring a man

tonight who had the vision, the faith and courage to act under difficult circumstances. The Little Rock Lions Club provided the funds on a loan basis to set up the first vending stand in the State under Roy's leadership. A Lions Committee was formed and this was the beginning of a relationship that has made possible the present rehabilitation facilities at Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind.

Roy, being an alumnus of the School for the Blind, was very much interested in education of blind and I was interested in work for the blind. We felt education and work for the blind should go forward hand in hand. We both attended the AAIB and AAWB conventions--in fact, we shared a room most of the time--I would report to his wife and he would report to mine--and I tell you--you have never seen two more straight-laced young men at the conventions than we were. How am I doing, Roy? We became very close friends and shared many ideas--we still do.

The idea of the Little Rock Lions Club pre-vocational center for adult blind, forerunner to the present rehabilitation facility, came into being as a result of our discussion on a train ride home from one of

our AAWB conventions. I was telling Roy about one of our recent innovations at the school for the blind, called the Social Adjustment Program. This was quite a change in the philosophy of education of the blind at that time. We were preparing units of instruction in such things as personal appearance, table etiquette (boys and girls were eating together in the dining room), cane travel, posture, mannerisms, dancing, introductions and all the social graces to live in a sighted world. We also planned activities and special events that would provide opportunities for the students to put into practice the things they were being taught.

Roy felt that many of the things being done in the Social Adjustment Program would be very helpful to many adults with whom he was working in the vending stand and placement program. We presented the idea to the Little Rock Lions Club and it was approved as a project of the Club in 1945. In 1946, when I was President of the Club, we raised the first \$10,000 to rent a facility for the pre-vocational adjustment center for adult blind. Roy spent much time that year finding suitable furnishings with limited funds--fortunately two Japanese relocation centers in the state were being phased out that year and he was able to secure a great deal of the equipment through government sources. The facility was dedicated with the Governor of the State as principal speaker. The following year the project was adopted by the Lions of Arkansas as a state project. During that year, in 1947, I left the state

to become Superintendent of the American Printing House for the Blind in Louisville, Kentucky. What a tremendous success story--this project has become under Roy's leadership--a multi-million dollar rehabilitation center with an outstanding professional staff, serving the nation and even the blind of other countries.

One of the highlights of my year as President of Lions International was when Roy invited me to join with him again to speak at the dedication of the first three new buildings of the present facility. Much has already been said about Roy's work for the blind and the honors he has received--let me just say that Roy has also been a very active member of Lions International. He was the Charter President of the Park Plaza Lions Club in Little Rock, and served his district as District Governor. He has received the two highest awards presented by Lions International--the Ambassador of Good Will and the Humanitarian Award in recognition of his service to humanity. Incidentally, Danny Thomas received the Humanitarian Award at the International Convention in Dallas this year.

The values of a great man are not measured in dollars, or bushels, or pounds--the greatest values in a man's life are spiritual values, measured by the height of his integrity, the width of his humility and the depth of his sincerity. Tonight we are honoring a man who has contributed much in education and work for the blind. Roy, I am proud of you--your

friendship and assistance have meant a very great deal to me through the years. If you will come forward, I shall be delighted to present to you, on behalf of your colleagues in work for the blind, the Ambrose M. Shotwell Distinguished Service Award Scroll. Bernice Kumpe is indeed a beautiful and charming

southern lady and what a tremendous help and support she has been to Roy through the years. Bernice, I would like to ask you to join with Roy, here, while I present the Scroll--aren't they a wonderful couple.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WORKERS FOR THE BLIND, INC.

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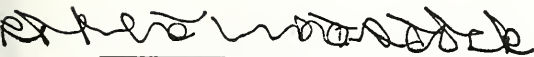
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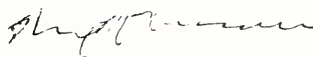
A pioneer and innovator in the rehabilitation facility movement, the founder of the International Service for the Blind, an ambassador traveling throughout the world sharing his enthusiasm for rehabilitation for the blind, and a liaison person with Lions International continuing Helen Keller's challenge that the Lions become the Knights of the blind, we present you this

AMBROSE M. SHOTWELL MEMORIAL AWARD

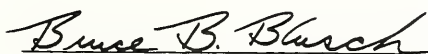
in the city of Atlanta, Georgia, on this 22nd day
of July in the year of our Lord 1975



President



Chairman Awards Committee



Executive Director

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AMBROSE M. SHOTWELL AWARD

Roy Kumpe

Mr. Chairman, Mr. Rives, Mr. Davis, honored guests and fellow members of AAWB:

There are so many thoughts rushing through my mind which I would like to express in appreciation and gratitude for this occasion, yet I find it impossible to say all I would like to. So many persons in my life have helped me to achieve this distinguished honor that I could not mention all of them in the time allowed. No one individual can do enough to earn the honor which you have bestowed upon me without the support and help of family and co-workers. Therefore, may I accept this medal and scroll first in behalf of my wife, Bernice and my family, and then the loyal and dedicated staff of Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind, present, and in the years past. Certainly I should mention Lila Lampkin, who has been my secretary and administrative assistant for 29 years.

Now I could say a lot of good things about these two, fine, ole friends of many years, who just made these presentations. I first met Lou Rives in Washington while I was attending a training seminar for Supervisors of Service for the Blind and Vocational Rehabilitation Services. It was his role to explain the new Barden-Lafayette amendments of 1943 which really opened up opportunities of vocational rehabilitation for the blind. Over the years we have become

close friends and he has not only been an inspiration but a genuine help to all of us in developing opportunities for the blind. We are humbly grateful that he chose to cast his lot with us in Little Rock after 30 years of dedicated service with the federal government.

In 1941 in Indianapolis, Finis Davis and I attended our first conference of the American Association of Workers for the Blind. He was appointed Superintendent of the School for the Blind in 1939, the same year I agreed to start a program for the adult blind. We were both young enough to have ambition and enough energy to learn and contribute to our chosen profession. He was the first young person chosen as Superintendent of the School for the Blind who had previous experience in the School as a teacher. We have always worked together to educate blind children and for the rehabilitation of adults. It was a coincidence that he was serving as President of the American Association of Instructors for the Blind the same time I was serving as President of this organization. Because we had worked so closely together, we thought we could make an important contribution to the total field of education and rehabilitation of the blind by getting our professional organizations to work closer together through a joint conference. We did succeed in

having a "simultaneous meeting" in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1952. I think that was the closest that the two organizations have ever been together--before or since. In Arkansas we all are very proud of Finis Davis' achievements as head of the American Printing House for the Blind and his contributions to international Lionism as its president. I especially enjoyed watching his career in Lionism since we both joined the Little Rock Lions Club about the same time.

When I was elected president of this organization at Daytona Beach in 1952, I recall that in my acceptance speech I tried to express the thought that somehow, somehow I might assist in boosting the "professionalism" of our profession. My feeling was that we should seek out young ambitious persons from all disciplines and try to influence them to come into work for the blind. At my first AAWB conference I was impressed with the sincerity and dedication of the members there, yet I was surprised at how many had never really trained or prepared for this field. Like me they were primarily in it by accident or chance. With the new opportunities of training that were opened by the amendments to the Vocational Rehabilitation Act, I thought more young people should be recruited into our profession. Well we have seen this happen over the years, and it's most gratifying to see how many blind and sighted persons have enthusiastically accepted the challenge in both education and rehabilitation programs of

the blind. I won't take the time to try to review the highlights of the progress in rehabilitation of the blind during the years but I fully recommend for your reading, Leonard Robertson's book, *LIGHT AT THE TUNNEL'S END*. This is the story of the work done by him and many other individuals and organizations in behalf of the passage of the Randolph-Shepard Act of 1936 and the results thereof. He tells the story of his setbacks, disappointments, and achievements very well. However, one chapter is rather sad and would be hard to explain to someone unfamiliar with the rehabilitation of the blind. That is the story of how he was turned down by the AAWB conference. A resolution which he prepared to endorse the Randolph-Shepard bill became so controversial on the floor that it was tabled. The leaders of that day and time were "blind" to the possibilities of employing blind persons in the vending stand program in federal buildings. It is rather amusing, if it were not so tragic, that one of the arguments against it was that the bill was unconstitutional.

Now why did I mention this? We are living in a time of abundance and a time of poverty, at time of success for many blind persons. Every state has a rehabilitation agency with federal and state funds. Each has a trained and competent professional staff. Many private agencies like ours (Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind), are growing and delivering services. We have a complete library services, radio-book services,

Supplementary Security Income, and many organizations of and for the blind. AAWB has greatly increased its membership with regionalization meetings. AAIB has become ADEH with regional meetings. Certainly blind persons have greater opportunity for education, rehabilitation and employment in this country than ever in its history. As we come into the Bicentennial celebration, there are many opportunities and options that blind people have for which we can rejoice, be proud of and grateful for.

What am I trying to say? I would like to briefly make a plea for our many organizations of the blind and for the blind to reach a maturity where we can cooperate and work together for the benefit of the total group. It is certainly gratifying to us who have worked so hard to bring about standards for accreditation, to know that the contributing public, the taxpayer and most of all the blind person and their family, are protected, to insure that they receive the service to which they are entitled. Why would an organization of the blind, dedicated to getting equal opportunities for blind persons, oppose the goals of an organization who is trying to raise standards of service to the "consumer." When we look at the numbers, reported by credible organizations, of blind and visually handicapped, both adults and children, certainly we are a minority, and yet it is puzzling to the public why there are so many organizations and agencies in the field who do not coordinate or cooperate in their services. My plea, friends, is

that we all dedicate ourselves to working towards maturity for our organizations of the blind and for the blind. Through a unified or cooperative program we can certainly make an impact on congress, state legislative bodies and we can modify the attitude of the uninformed public about the abilities of blind persons.

In closing, once again I want to say how humbly grateful I am for all my friends who have made this night possible for me. I am especially grateful to the founders of the American Association of Workers for the Blind. I suppose it is through my membership and activities in AAWB that I was influenced to stay in this work. I am grateful because it has been a rewarding experience. But to you younger members there are many more opportunities. Someone once said "there is a destiny that makes us brothers. No man lives alone. All that we send into the lives of others will come back into our own." Although my motivation has been a deep desire to serve others, I confess I have received more in return than I have been able to give.

PRESENTATION OF THE LAWRENCE E. BLAHA

MEMORIAL AWARD

To

Russell C. Williams
Retired, Chief of Blind Rehabilitation, Veterans
Administration Central Office

Presentation by

Robert J. Crouse, Ed.D.
Executive Director, Atlanta Area Services
for the Blind

Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen. It is a great privilege for me as immediate past chairman of Interest Group IX to be here today to present the Lawrence E. Blaha Memorial Award.

I would first like to take a moment for the sake of the newer members of this interest group to acquaint you with the man for whom this award was named, Lawrence E. Blaha. Mr. Blaha began his career as an orientor in the Blind Rehabilitation Program, Veteran's Administration Hospital, Hines, Illinois in 1948. He worked there until 1961 when he joined the faculty of the mobility program at Western Michigan University. Later, Mr. Blaha was Director of the Orientation and Mobility Training Program at California State College, Los Angeles. Larry Blaha was not only one of the early pioneers in the development of orientation and mobility but more importantly his dedication, sense of high standards, ideals and technical skills made him the epitome of what mobility

instructors should be.

Therefore, Interest Group IX resolved in 1968 to establish the Lawrence E. Blaha Memorial Award to be given to an individual who has rendered outstanding services in the field of orientation and mobility in hopes that the ideals and example of Mr. Blaha will be remembered and promulgated.

It is most fitting that this year's recipient was a close associate of Mr. Blaha. In fact, he is a man who has a near legendary background in development of orientation and mobility and rehabilitation programs for blinded veterans. He is a man who spans the time from Valley Forge to Hines and who was instrumental in the idea and implementation of the first graduate level training programs in mobility at the Boston College and Western Michigan University.

It is a distinct honor to present this year's Lawrence E.

Blahe Memorial Award to Mr. Russell C. Williams. Mr. Williams recently retired from the Veterans' Administration after 31 years of service to blind veterans beginning in 1944 at Valley Forge.

Mr. Williams was born in Auburn, Indiana in 1918 and graduated as a secondary education major from Central Normal College in Danville, Illinois. He taught and coached athletics one year before entering the U.S. Army in 1942.

Mr. Williams was blinded by enemy action in France during 1944 and was rehabilitated at Valley Forge General Hospital and Old Farms Convalescent Hospital. He was later employed as a Counselor and Instructor in the rehabilitation program for the blind at Valley Forge General Hospital. In 1948, Mr. Williams became the first Chief of the Blind Rehabilitation Center, V.A. Hospital, Hines, Illinois. Eleven years later, Russ was promoted to Chief of Blind Rehabilitation in the Department of Medicine and Surgery, Veterans Administration Central Office in Washington, D.C. He served in that post until his retirement earlier this month.

Russell Williams is probably best known for his significant accomplishments in developing the rehabilitation program at Hines of which orientation and mobility was the key factor. Russ was responsible for the recruitment, selection and training of the very first orientors at Hines. His first hand experience, knowledge of mobility and own performance skills in mobility were key factors in the refinement

of standardized techniques in mobility instruction. His example in mobility was a perfect model for newly blinded veterans to emulate and I am sure was largely responsible for the success the fledgling orientors had with the early Hines veterans.

Mr. Williams has acted as an advisor on research and development of electronic guidance devices and demonstrated such devices at congressional hearings and in a film which has been seen on many television stations.

Mr. Williams was chosen for the Blinded Veterans association Achievement Award in 1953. Part of that Commendation reads as follows:

"Russell Williams' achievements have been more than a personal victory over blindness. His empathy, his ability to communicate and his confidence in other people have made him an outstanding leader. His unceasing efforts in behalf of blinded individuals are internationally acclaimed. There is a touch of greatness about him, tempered by his modesty, his objectivity and his common sense."

The Lawrence E. Blahe Memorial Award is hereby made to Russell C. Williams for his dedication in developing rehabilitation programs for blinded veterans and non-veterans alike, and for his highly significant contributions to the betterment of orientation and mobility for blind persons over the past three decades.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE LAWRENCE E. BLAHA MEMORIAL AWARD

Russell C. Williams

With deepest sincerity I thank the AAWB for presenting me with its Lawrence Blaha Memorial Award at this year's National Convention. No recognition which I have received or could receive gives me more pleasure, which will be lasting, than this one.

There are three reasons for my feeling this way: 1. The award was made by the AAWB, an organization representing people who have done so much for blind people for so many years. Having been a blind person for thirty-one years and having been involved in services to other blind people for almost all of that time I feel I know something about what contributions came out of the past from many people who were and are in this organization. 2. The award associates me with the work of Interest Group 9 of this organization. When my own blindness came to me I felt a tremendous loss in my ability to perceive and orient in surroundings and be mobile in them. To be considered to have made a contribution to the profession which is working to reduce this loss makes me

proud. 3. The award associates me with Larry Blaha and also with those who have and will receive this award in other years. I worked with Larry from the day he entered this field and I know much about what he did and represented. We worked together for the same blinded people at Hines for a number of years and there I saw his masterpieces of planning and teaching. Later, when he transferred to university work I saw his remarkable abilities go into the development of teachers. I was blessed to know him and wish that those who missed him could have done so.

Orientation and Mobility did so much for me as a blinded person that for any contribution I might have made to it was multiply paid for in advance by it. It is a great feeling to see this profession continue to grow and to watch the benefits reach more and more blind people. Thanks for including me in with Larry Blaha and the others whose science and art help people with the everyday business of blindness.

SPECIAL CITATION

At the Opening Session, President Robert Whitstock was pleased to present the following special citation to Ms. Carleater Holmes, Administrative Assistant of the AAWB. Mr. Whitstock read the following citation.

of AAWB: for her exemplary cooperation and deep concern for all individuals, we are pleased to honor her with this significant award. Presented in Atlanta, Georgia, this 20th day of July, 1975."

"The American Association of Workers for the Blind, Inc. Presents this Special Citation to Carleater Holmes--In gratitude for superior and dedicated service to the membership



Carleater D. Holmes recipient of a Special Citation presented by President Robert H. Whitstock

OFFICERS OF INTEREST GROUPS

1975-1977

GROUP 1

Administrative and Executives of Public and Voluntary Agencies
serving blind persons at national, state and local levels,
and Board Members of governing bodies

Officers for 1973-1975

Chairman - William Coppage
Program Chairman - J. J. Rusk
Secretary - Barry McEwen

Officers for 1975-1977

Chairman - J. J. Rusk
Chairman-elect - Robert Leighninger
Secretary - Helen Worden

GROUP 2

Rehabilitation and Employment Services

Officers for 1973-1975

Chairman - Ralph Bishop
Chairman-elect & Program Chairman - Hugh Russell
Secretary - Claude Seale

Officers for 1975-1977

Chairman - Hugh Russell
Chairman-elect - Claude Seale
Secretary - Don Sims

GROUP 3

Social Case Services

Officers for 1973-1975

Chairman - Sebastiano LoPresti
Chairman-elect - Mildred Stern
Secretary - Bernice White

Officers for 1973-1975

Chairman - Shirley Dinner
 Chairman-elect - Edward W. Werden
 Secretary - Ann Barber

GROUP 4

Educational Services

Officers for 1973-1975

Chairman - Dr. Saul Freedman
 Chairman-elect - Neil Freeling
 Secretary - Sister Bernadette Wynne

Officers for 1975-1977

Chairman - Mrs. Dena Jaffe
 Chairman-elect - Lyn Frosythe
 Secretary - Shirley Ebert

GROUP 5

Literary and Library Services

Officers for 1973-1975

Chairman - Martin F. Droege
 Program Representative - Myrtle Garris
 Secretary - Virgil E. Zickel

Officers for 1975-1977

Chairman - Richard Evensen
 Chairman-elect - Jesse Anderson
 Secretary - Thelma Jones

GROUP 6

Group Services - Recreation, Day Centers, Residences

Officers for 1973-1975

Chairman - Mr. Chester T. Williams
 Program Representative - Mrs. Grace Neal Cashwell

Officers for 1975-1977

Chairman
 Secretary (No Elections Held)

GROUP 7^{*}

Low Vision

Officers for 1975-1977

Chairman - Dorothy Corvin

Chairman-elect - Randy Jose, O.D.

Secretary - Marianne M. Apple

GROUP 8

Public Relations

Officers for 1973-1975

Chairman - Ruth Sherman

Don Vest

Alan Ables

Mary Jane O'Neil

Robert Boston

Officers for 1975-1977

Chairman - Mary Jane O'Neil

Chairman-elect - Don Vest

GROUP 9

Orientation and Mobility

Officers for 1973-1975

Chairman - Francis D. Ryan

Chairman-elect - Bill Weiner

Secretary/Treasurer - Janet Floyd

Officers for 1975-1977

Chairman - William Weiner

Chairman-elect - Robert Mills

Secretary - Martin Yablonski

GROUP 10

Business Enterprises

Officers for 1973-1975

Chairman - James G. Camp

Program Chairman - Jim Goodwin

* Formerly Music and Piano Technology.

Officers for 1975-1977

Chairman - James E. Goodwin

Chairman-elect - W. A. Culberson

GROUP 11

Rehabilitation Teachers

Officers for 1973-1975

Chairman - Audrey Davis

Chairman-elect - Ms Billie Elder

Secretary/Treasurer - Rebecca Quillman

Officers for 1975-1977

Chairman - Ms Billie Elder

Chairman-elect - David Search

Secretary - Ms Nancy Paskin

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

OF THE

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WORKERS FOR THE BLIND

Adopted by the Membership, July 31, 1961, at St. Louis, Missouri

Amended, July 30, 1964, at New York, New York; Amended, July 25, 1966, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Amended, July 12, 1967, at Miami Beach, Florida; Amended, July 7, 1968, at Toronto, Ontario, Canada; Amended, July 23, 1969, at Chicago, Illinois; Amended, July 19 and 21, 1971, at Richmond, Virginia; Amended, July 25, 1973, at Cleveland, Ohio; Amended July 23, 1975 at Atlanta, Georgia.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Name

The Association shall be known as the American Association of Workers for the Blind, Incorporated.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The purpose of the American Association of Workers for the Blind shall be to tender all possible assistance in the promotion, development and improvement of services to blind persons in the Americas and the insular possessions of the United States by:

Section 1. Increasing public understanding of the social and economic gains to individuals and to the nation through pro-

viding opportunities for all blind persons to become self-sufficient, self-supporting and contributing members of society.

Section 2. Providing a forum on a national, regional and/or local level for the discussion of all problems relating to services to blind persons and the prevention of blindness and providing publications and conferences to accomplish this purpose as may be developed.

Section 3. Encouraging an interdisciplinary approach to problems of services to blind persons through the maximum use of knowledge and skills of all related professions.

Section 4. Fostering research to advance knowledge and skills for the improvement of services to all blind persons.

Section 5. Assisting in the development of professional training opportunities for all persons engaged in providing services to blind persons.

Section 6. Assisting in the development of professional standards for personnel engaged in the specialized program of services to blind persons.

Section 7. Initiating, if necessary, and co-operating with other groups in the development of programs of social action through legislation or in other ways, for the benefit of blind persons.

Section 8. Interpreting to other disciplines an understanding of the special needs resulting from blindness and encouraging maximum use of their knowledge and skills in our specialized field.

Section 9. Increasing public understanding of the nature and causes of blindness, its impact on individuals and on society.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1. All persons living in the Americas and the insular possessions of the U. S. interested in services to blind persons are eligible for regular membership in the American Association of Workers for the Blind. Interested persons residing outside these geographical limits are eligible for associate membership.

Section 2. Classes of membership are defined in the By-laws.

Section 3. The membership shall serve as the law-making and policy-making body of the American Association of Workers for the Blind, Incorporated. It shall elect the Board of Directors and Officers of the Association.

Section 4. The membership shall be convened for at least one national meeting each year, to and including 1969. Membership meetings shall be held biennially, on odd numbered years.

ARTICLE IV

Officers of the Association

Section 1. The Officers of the Association shall consist of a President, President-elect, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2. The Officers, except the President, shall be elected at the biennial meeting of the membership. The President-elect shall succeed to the office of President without election.

Section 3. The Officers shall serve a term of two years, except that the Secretary and Treasurer may be re-elected for an additional term of two years. Officers may be re-elected after a two-year waiting period. Officers shall assume their duties following the last business meeting of the national meeting at which they were elected.

Section 4. Election of Officers shall be held as provided in Article VII and in the By-laws.

Section 5. Duties of the Officers are defined in the By-laws.

ARTICLE V

Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers of the Association, the Immediate Past-President, twelve other elected members, and members who qualify as representatives of chapters, in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution and the terms of the By-laws.

Section 2. Members elected to the Board of Directors shall serve a term of 4 years and shall not be eligible for re-election until after a waiting period of two years. The 6 members of the Board elected thereafter at the biennial meeting shall serve terms of four years, with the exception of the representatives of the state or local chapter members.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall serve as the governing and policy-making body of the Association between meetings of the membership.

Section 4. The Board shall meet not less than twice during a calendar year at the call of the President, or of three other members of the Board. Additional meetings held as necessary for the conduct of business of the Association shall be called as provided above.

Section 5. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business.

Section 6. The President, or in his absence, the President-elect, the Secretary, the Treasurer (in that order) shall preside over meetings of the Board of Directors.

Section 7. The Board shall elect from its members four who shall serve as members on the Executive Committee. Two of the four shall be from those who are elected at biennial meetings, and they shall serve on the Executive Committee for two years. The other two shall be elected from chapter representatives, and they shall serve on the Executive Committee for not more than two years. (See Article VI.)

Section 8. The Board of Directors shall review and act upon the budget of the Association, as recommended by the Executive Committee.

Section 9. In the event that any elected Officer or member of the Board is unable to serve for any reason, the Board shall elect from its members or the members-at-large a person or persons to fill out the unexpired term of such elected Officer or Board member, except in the case of the President, which office shall be filled by the then President-elect. In the event both the President and the President-elect are unable to serve, the Board of Directors shall elect one of its members to fill out the unexpired term of the President. It shall be the responsi-

bility of the senior member of the Board, in terms of service on the Board, to call and chair a meeting for the purpose of such election, said meeting to be held not later than two weeks after the positions of President and President-elect become vacant.

ARTICLE VI

Executive Committee

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Officers, the Immediate Past-President and four members of the Board elected by the Board (see Article V, Section 7).

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall serve in place of the Board of Directors between meetings of the Board and shall exercise all of the powers of the Board. It shall meet on call of the President, its presiding officer, or on call of two other members of the Committee, but no less than twice annually.

Section 3. Five members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business.

Section 4.a. The Executive Committee shall employ the Executive Director of the Association, define his qualifications, delineate his duties, fix his compensation and otherwise supervise his activities.

b. The Executive Committee may appoint an Assistant Executive Director, who shall assume the duties and responsibilities of

the Executive Director in his absence or incapacity. The Assistant Executive Director shall assume the duties and responsibilities only for such term as may be designated, in writing, by the President or the Executive Committee.

Section 5. The Executive Committee shall approve and supervise the annual budget of the Association, as prepared by the Executive Director.

Section 6. The Executive Committee shall report its activities and decisions to the Board of Directors for ratification.

ARTICLE VII

Nominations and Elections

Section 1. The President, upon assuming office, shall appoint a Nominating Committee of nine from among the membership and shall designate its chairman.

Section 2. The Nominating Committee shall prepare an appropriate slate of Officers and directors for the approval of the membership at the next biennial meeting in accordance with provisions in the By-laws. In preparing a slate of Officers and Directors, the Nominating Committee shall provide the fullest possible representation from interest groups and shall seek to maintain on the Board and among the officers a good balance of representation from the various regions of the Americas.

Section 3. The Chairman shall present at the first general session of the biennial meeting the slate of officers chosen by the Nominating Committee. At the second general session there shall be opportunity for additional nominations from the floor for Officers and Directors of and by members in good standing. The members of the Nominating Committee shall serve as election officers, and all voting shall be conducted according to provisions of the By-laws.

ARTICLE VIII

Provisions for By-Laws

Section 1. To supplement this Constitution the membership shall adopt By-laws which are not inconsistent with this document.

Section 2. By-laws may be adopted by a majority vote of the membership present and voting, in accordance with provisions of the By-laws.

ARTICLE IX

Amendments to the Constitution

Section 1. Amendments to this Constitution require a 2/3 vote of the membership present and voting at the Biennial Membership Meeting of the Association.

Section 2. Amendments may be initiated as follows:

a. Amendments may be proposed by a majority of the Board of Directors or may be presented by

a member, and be signed by 15 members in good standing. In each case a suggested amendment shall be mailed at least 30 days before a vote is taken. The mailing shall be done by the Executive Director, upon instructions of the Corporate Secretary.

b. Amendments may be proposed by any members of the Association at the biennial meeting. If the amendment so proposed is approved by a majority of the members present and voting, it shall be referred to the Board of Directors for study and recommendation and shall be presented for adoption or rejection at the next biennial meeting of the membership. If ratified by a 2/3 majority of those present and voting at that meeting it shall become immediately effective.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

Membership Dues and Privileges

Section 1. Classes of membership shall be as follows:

a. Regular Membership: Any eligible person living in the Americas or in the insular possessions of the United States may make application for regular membership to the Executive Director. Annual dues of \$20.00 shall be paid before the applicant can qualify as a member.

Regular members shall have the privilege of voting, of holding office, serving on committees and will receive all publications of the Association and any other privileges developed by the Association.

b. Individual membership shall be available at half regular membership cost to a person whose occupational status is clerical or secretarial and who is employed by an organization which serves blind people.

c. Life Membership: Any person who qualified as a regular member may become a Life Member by lump sum payment of \$300.00 in from two to ten consecutive annual installments of from \$150.00 to \$30.00 each. He shall then have full privilege of membership without further payment of annual dues.

d. Honorary Membership: Any person may be elected an Honorary Member of the Association by the Board of Directors and shall have all privileges of regular membership, except that of voting.

e. Associate Membership: Associate memberships shall be comprised of the following, with dues as shown:

Interested persons residing
outside the Americas and
insular U.S. possessions

\$10.00

Students who are enrolled
part-time or full-time in
courses of higher edu-
cation but are not pre-
sently employed in work
with blind persons

\$5.00

Associate members shall receive publications and have all the privileges of membership except that of voting in meetings of the Association.

f. Group Membership: Organization memberships shall be comprised of the following, with minimum dues as shown:

Service clubs or similar bodies wishing to lend moral as well as finan- cial support to the Association	\$ 25 per yr.
Sponsor agencies	\$100 per yr.
Sustaining agencies	\$200 per yr.
Patron agencies	\$300 per yr.
Benefactor agencies shall be any which contribute \$500 or more a year.	

Clubs, agencies and other bodies holding group memberships shall have one set of publications mailed to a designated officer. Representatives of such groups may attend national meetings of the Association but will have no vote unless they also hold Regular or Life Memberships.

Section 2. Interest Groups of Regular Members:

a. Continuation and formation of special interest groupings of the membership shall be encouraged in order to promote professional standards and improvement of services to blind persons. Each member shall select the interest group of his choice and so indicate to the Executive Director. Present groups are as follows:

1. Administrators and Executives of Public and Voluntary Agencies serving blind persons at national, state and local levels and Board Members of governing bodies.

2. Rehabilitation and Employment Services.

3. Social Case Services.

4. Educational Services.

5. Literary and Library Services.

6. Group Services--recreation, day centers, residences.

7. Low Vision.

8. Public Relations.

9. Orientation and Mobility.

10. Business Enterprises.

11. Rehabilitation Teachers.

b. Each group will meet biennially at a time which will not conflict with the general sessions or other activities of the biennial meeting. Each group shall elect a chairman, a secretary, and a chairman-elect who shall serve as a member of the Program Committee (see Article V). These group officers shall serve for a term of two years, or until their successors are elected at the next biennial meeting, except that the chairman-elect shall succeed to the office of chairman without election.

c. Each member shall be entitled to membership in only one special interest group in a membership year, but may attend meetings of any or all other interest groups as he may desire. He may not, however, have the privilege of voting in any interest group except the one to which he belongs.

d. New interest groups may be formed by at least 50 members of

the Association in good standing who shall sign an appropriate request form, to be provided by the Executive Director, for consideration by the Board of Directors. If the establishment of the new group is approved by the Board, the members signing the request form will automatically become members of the new group, thereby cancelling their memberships in the interest groups to which they belonged at the time of signing the petition.

e. Continuation of all interest groups shall be dependent upon:

a. A minimum enrollment of 50 members.

b. A quorum of 25 members present and voting at the biennial meeting of the interest group.

f. The status of interest groups failing to meet the above minimum requirements for a period of two consecutive biennial meetings shall automatically be subject to review by the Board of Directors, looking to termination or merger of the group with another appropriate interest group.

g. At conventions, the Executive Director shall provide registered members with identification badges which shall include the number of the interest group to which each member belongs. Badges shall be worn at all business meetings of the Association and interest groups.

ARTICLE II

Officers--Duties

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the membership, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. He shall be the responsible Executive Officer and will administer the affairs of the Association between meetings of the Executive Committee and will supervise the activities of the Executive Director in accordance with policies and understandings developed by the Executive Committee.

The President will appoint Committees, both Standing and Special, in accordance with the provisions of Article V of the By-Laws.

Section 2. The President-elect shall serve as assistant to the President and will preside at meetings of the membership, the Board and the Executive Committee in the absence of the President.

He shall serve as Chairman of the Program Committee for planning the program of the biennial meeting of the Association.

Section 3. The Secretary shall be responsible for the records of the Association and shall have the Minutes of meetings prepared in proper order. He shall see that records are transmitted to his successor when his term of office is completed. He shall see to it that the activities of the Association are carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and the By-laws.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall be the chief financial officer of the Association. He shall see to it that an annual budget is prepared by the Executive Director and shall approve disbursements, both budgetary and non-budgetary, in accordance with policies established in the By-laws, or by the Executive Committee. He shall be bonded and shall see that proper bonding policies for employees or Officers of the Association are maintained.

He shall see that regular financial statements are prepared in accordance with recognized accounting principles and shall report to the full membership at each biennial meeting.

ARTICLE III

The Board of Directors

Section 1. The responsibilities of the Board of Directors are specifically outlined in the Constitution. Any additional responsibilities or policy matters not covered by the Constitution and not specifically delegated elsewhere shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The election of the Board of Directors shall be held in accordance with provisions of Article VI of the By-laws.

ARTICLE IV

Executive Committee

Section 1. Duties of the Executive Committee are outlined in the Constitution.

ARTICLE V

Committees

Section 1. Special committees: The President is authorized to appoint, from time to time, special committees to make studies or to consider specific questions related to the work of the Association and he shall designate Chairmen of all committees he appoints except as otherwise provided in Sections 2 through 11 of this Article. He may appoint special committees on his own initiative or at the request of the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors or by a vote of the membership.

Section 2. Nominating Committee: This committee shall be constituted as directed in Article VII of the Constitution and Article VI of these By-laws.

Section 3. Program Committee: This committee shall be appointed by the President in consultation with the newly-elected President-elect, who shall serve as chairman of the Committee, and shall also include the members designated by each of the interest groups. Its size may vary, but the number serving thereon shall not be less than the total of those chosen to represent the officially recognized interest groups.

The principal task of this committee is to plan and prepare, with the full assistance of the Executive Director, a program for the next biennial meeting of the Association.

Section 4. Legislative Committee: This committee (composed of 15 members) shall be appointed by the President to represent the Association in legislative programs at Federal and State levels which are of significance in services for the benefit of blind persons.

Section 5. Awards Committee: This committee shall be composed of the three Immediate Past Presidents who are able and willing to serve, and two members of the Association who shall be appointed by the President. The President will also designate the Chairman. The committee is to select a candidate for the Shotwell Medal and a candidate for the Alfred Allen Memorial Award and recipients of any other awards to be made by the Association.

Candidates for the Shotwell Award shall be those whose leadership and service have exerted influence on a national or international scale. Candidates for the Allen Award shall be those whose character and dedication epitomize the spirit and quality of direct service to blind persons.

Section 6. Membership Committee: The President shall appoint a Committee, and shall designate its chairman, which will assist the Executive Director in developing and carrying out a membership program for the Association.

Section 7. The Ethics Committee is to supervise the administration of the Code of Ethics of the Association, and to make recommendations for its modification to the membership and to handle any other matters relating thereto; provided, however, that because of the establishment of the National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped, and the desire of the Association to support this Council in every way possible and not to duplicate its functions, the Committee shall become inoperative unless, and until, its reactivation be authorized by majority vote of the membership at a national meeting. Use of the Seal of Good Practice shall be discontinued until such time as it is restored by membership vote in accordance with direction by the Board.

Section 8. Resolutions Committee: A committee of five members appointed by the President to receive resolutions from the members at the National Meeting and to present resolutions for action by the membership at its National Meeting.

Section 9. History and Memorial Committee: A committee of five members appointed by the President following the biennial meeting. This committee shall report to the membership at the next biennial meeting the names and a resume of the work of members of the Association who have died since the last biennial meeting, and shall be responsible for maintaining the history of the Association.

Section 10. Certification Committee: Two committees appointed by the President for the purpose of certification of rehabilitation teachers and orientation and mobility specialist. The Rehabilitation Teacher Certification Committee shall consist of six members and the Orientation and Mobility Certification Committee shall consist of eight members, two of whom are to represent AEVH.

Section 11. Braille Committee: A joint committee of AAWB, AEVH, and NBA, consisting of specialists in Braille notation appointed jointly by the Presidents of AAWB, AEVH, and NBA together with such other members as may be necessary. It shall organize itself as it deems appropriate. An Advisory Council to this committee shall also be appointed jointly by the Presidents of AAWB, AEVH, and NBA.

Section 12. Editorial Committee: For the purpose of planning, producing and publishing professional literature in the field of services to blind persons, this committee shall be appointed by the President, who shall serve as its chairman. It shall be composed of no less than five nor more than nine members of the Association, including the Immediate Past-President and such members as are experienced in publication work. In addition, not more than four similarly experienced non-members may be appointed by the chairman as consultants to the committee. As the first order of business at the first meeting convened by

a new chairman (i.e., the President) existing guidelines for the committee's work shall be reviewed and revised as necessary, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

Section 13. Chapter and Regional Organization Committee: A committee of from five to nine members appointed by the President who shall designate the chairman thereof. This committee shall assist and advise the National Office Staff in any way possible to stimulate the organization of chapters and in developing and carrying out regional meetings and workshops. This committee shall report at least twice each year to the Board of Directors on progress made and results achieved, together with any recommendation it may have for accelerating the establishment of chapters. By 1971, or earlier if the number of chapters exceeds 20, the committee shall undertake a thorough review of the total organizational structure and make recommendations for change as may be appropriate for the development of a regional structure and appropriate representation of the membership to assure the most effective pattern to advance the mission of the Association.

ARTICLE VI

Nominations and Elections

Section 1. The President, upon assuming office, shall appoint a Nominating Committee of nine from among the membership and shall designate its chairman.

Section 2. At the first general session of the Biennial Convention, the presiding officer shall call for a report of the Nominating Committee, which shall then present its slate of Officers and Directors.

a. On convening the second general session of the Biennial Convention, the presiding officer shall call on the Chairman of the Nominating Committee to read again the slate of candidates presented at the first session. Upon completion of the slate presentation, the presiding officer shall call for additional nominations from the floor for the office of President-elect. If there be none, a voice vote shall be called for, and if affirmatively carried, the candidate shall be elected.

b. Next, the presiding officer shall call, in turn, for additional nominations from the floor for the offices of Secretary and Treasurer. If there be none, a voice vote shall be called for, and if affirmatively carried, the candidates shall be elected.

c. Next the presiding officer shall call for additional nominations from the floor for Directors. If there be none, a voice vote shall be called for, and if affirmatively carried, the slate of Directors shall be elected.

Section 3. Whenever additional nominations for any office or directorship are made from the floor, such names shall be recorded by the

Nominating Committee together with the position for which each is nominated, provided both nominator and nominee are members in good standing, and provided the nominee gives his consent, verbally or in writing, to be nominated.

a. The Nominating Committee, under the direction of its chairman, shall immediately arrange for a secret ballot and proceed to have prepared printed ballots that will include, in alphabetical order, the name of the Committee's candidate(s) and name or names of other qualified nominees clearly designated as to position for which each is a candidate. (See sample ballot appended to these By-laws.)

b. The Chairman of the Nominating Committee or the officer presiding at the second general session shall instruct the membership as to where, when and how the secret ballot will be conducted.

Section 4. Following the second general session, between the hours of 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. (or such other hours as the Executive Committee shall approve), a room previously designated and equipped with necessary paraphernalia shall be declared open for balloting, which members of the Nominating Committee shall supervise.

a. Registered and badged members shall cast their votes during the designated time only. Members who are blind may bring a friend or ask an election

supervisor to assist them in preparing and casting their ballots.

b. Upon closing of the polls, the Nominating Committee shall count and re-count the ballots and announce the results at the awards banquet when called upon by the presiding officer. The officer candidate in each case receiving a plurality of votes cast, and the specified number of Director candidates with the highest number of votes cast, shall be elected.

c. In the event of a tie in balloting for any officer or director, the outgoing President shall cast the deciding vote.

d. All ballots shall be retained by the Chairman of the Nominating Committee in the safe of the convention headquarters until the results have been announced.

Section 5. The terms of Officers shall be for two years, except that the President shall not be elected and the President-elect shall succeed to the office of President at the completion of the President's two-year term of office.

Section 6. The Board of Directors shall be elected for terms of four years, on a rotating basis, six members being elected at each biennial meeting. The six members of the Board elected at the biennial meeting shall serve terms of four years, with the exception of the representatives

of the state or local chapter members. If a member of the Board of Directors is nominated as an Officer, and accepts the nomination, he must resign from the Board of Directors before the election so that another person may be nominated for the Board of Directors in his place.

ARTICLE VII

Budgetary and Fiscal Control

Section 1. In addition to the membership fees, the Association may accept gifts or donations from interested individuals or organizations for the general purpose of the Association or for specific projects.

Section 2. All income shall be received and receipted for by the Executive Director. All monies shall be deposited in a savings account or accounts selected by the Treasurer and approved by the President. All funds deposited shall be reported to the Treasurer in a manner to be determined by the Executive Committee.

Section 3. Regular expenditures of the Association shall be made in accordance with a budget prepared by the Executive Director, with cooperation of the Treasurer, and approved by the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors as provided in Articles V and VI of the Constitution. Withdrawals from this account shall be made on a quarterly or shorter basis as directed by the Executive Committee in accordance with a budget approved by the Executive

Committee; all withdrawals shall be signed by the Executive Director and countersigned by the President or Treasurer of the Association and such funds shall then be deposited in a checking account or accounts and shall then be dispersed in accordance with the approved budget over signature of the Executive Director. By appropriate Board action, funds may also be withdrawn from the savings account for purposes of investment or purchase of equipment.

Section 4. Non-budgeted expenditures in excess of \$250 must have the approval in writing of the Executive Committee. At the discretion of the Executive Committee, the Executive Director may maintain a rotating petty cash account not to exceed \$250.

Section 5. The fiscal year shall be the same as the membership year, January 1 to December 31.

Section 6. Regular financial statements shall be prepared by the Executive Director under directives from the Treasurer, and in accordance with recognized accounting principles, for submission to the Executive Committee at intervals to be determined by the Executive Committee, but at least quarterly. The Treasurer shall make a full financial accounting to the membership at the National Meeting of the Association.

Section 7. The accounts of the Association shall be audited annually by a recognized

Certified Public Accountant selected by the Board of Directors.

Section 8. The Treasurer will be custodian of all monies and securities of the Association, but may transfer, sell or purchase securities only with the approval of the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII

Chapters

Section 1. Chapters may be organized and represented on the Board of Directors under the following policies, with the proviso that where it is not practical for a chapter to be organized within a state, one may be organized composed of either two or more states, or parts of a state, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors:

a. That all members of a chapter shall be members of the AAWB in good standing.

b. That a chapter shall include: a minimum of 50 members in a jurisdiction with a population in excess of 2,000,000; 30 members in a jurisdiction with a population of 1,000,000 to 2,000,000; 20 members in a jurisdiction with a population of 500,000 to 1,000,000; and 10 members in a jurisdiction with a population of less than 500,000 (the foregoing population counts to be based on the most recently approved U.S. Census).

c. Upon certification to the Board of Directors that a chapter is appropriately registered and that the required number of members are current in dues payment, each chapter shall be entitled to name one of its members to the Board of Directors with the following exception: that chapters with 100 members or more shall be entitled to name two members to the Board of Directors.

d. That the Dominion of Canada shall be authorized to organize a chapter on the same basis as a state with more than 2,000,000 population.

e. That each chapter shall be expected to meet at least once per year.

f. That chapters agree to aid in planning and to support and to participate in regional meetings sponsored by AAWB in their area.

g. That chapters agree to collect all dues for individual members, all payments for installments on life membership and all dues from organizations within their jurisdiction which may wish to become members thereof. The chapter shall retain 1/5 of the aforementioned dues and payments, except that, in the case of agency memberships (sponsor, sustaining, patron and benefactor agencies), chapters shall retain only 1/5 of the minimum dues for a sponsor agency. In case of agency memberships billed by and paid directly to the National headquarters, the chapter within whose jurisdiction that agency is located shall be reimbursed by the

National Headquarters in the amount of 1/5 of the minimum dues for a sponsor agency. Where a payment of individual dues, payments for or installments on life membership have been made to the National Headquarters for any calendar year, and subsequently during the year a chapter is organized, the payment shall be considered as a payment for membership in the chapter and 1/5 of the payment shall be returned to the chapter. All such payments retained by or returned to the chapter shall be used exclusively for the purposes directly related to the strengthening and expansion of the work of a chapter and for the advancement of the mission of the American Association of Workers for the Blind.

ARTICLE IX

Parliamentary Authority

Section 1. This Association, except as otherwise provided in its Constitution and By-laws, shall be governed in all its meetings by parliamentary law as contained in ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER, REVISED.

Section 2. Upon opening the biennial meeting, the President shall announce the name of the qualified member who is registered for the convention and who has agreed to serve as Parliamentarian.

ARTICLE X

Quorum

Section 1. At any biennial or special meeting of the Association, 5 percent of the Regular and Life members present and in good standing shall constitute a quorum. At any meeting of the Board of Directors, a majority of the Directors shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE XI

Amendments to the By-Laws

Section 1. These By-laws may be amended at any regular Biennial Business Meeting by a majority vote of the members present and voting, provided:

a. That the amendment has been approved by the Board of Directors; or

b. That the amendment has been proposed in writing and signed by twenty-five (25) members in good standing.

AAWB OFFICIAL BALLOT

Place an X on short line following candidate of choice

FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT
(Vote for One)

(Names in alphabetical order, including Nominating Committee slate name(s) and other(s) nominated from floor)

FOR SECRETARY
(Vote for One)

FOR TREASURER
(Vote for One)

FOR DIRECTOR
(Vote for One)

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1975-1977

Harold Roberts, New York, New York	President
Mary K. Bauman, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	President-Elect
William Coppage, Richmond, Virginia	Secretary
Jerry Dunlap, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	Treasurer
Robert Whitstock, Morristown, New Jersey	Immediate Past-President
Jack Claxton, Warm Springs, Georgia	Board Member
Billie Elder, Little Rock, Arkansas	Board Member
William Gallagher, New York, New York	Board Member
Robert Pogorelc, Portland, Oregon	Board Member
Bruce B. Blasch, Ph.D., Washington, D.C.	Executive Director

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Term expires 1977

Jack Claxton	Warm Springs, Georgia
William W. Ferrell	Nashville, Tennessee
Constance A. Gant	Washington, D.C.
Ruth Kaarlela	Kalamazoo, Michigan
Don Perry	Salt Lake City, Utah
Joseph L. Sullivan	Cleveland, Ohio

Term expires 1979

George Arsnow	Lawrence, Massachusetts
A. B. Goodrum	Houston, Texas
Richard Kinney	Winnetka, Illinois
Robert Pogorelc	Portland, Oregon
Larry Scadden, Ph.D.	Kentfield, California
Harry D. Vines	Austin, Texas

CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Alabama	W. Arnold Culberson
Arizona	Charles Varsolona
Arkansas	Junot W. Purcell
Northern California	Gil Johnson
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Georgia	Joseph Parks Hill
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North Carolina	Robert Spencer
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Rocky Mountain	
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Tennessee	Donald Kantack
Texas	Ethel Kennedy Glenn Hall
Virginia	Donald Cox Thomas Michael
Wisconsin	Karen Todd

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New York	Joseph W. Pike
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Oklahoma	Ann King
Pennsylvania-Delaware	Leroy Bettwy
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Tennessee	Mack L. Page
Texas	A. B. Goodrum
Virginia	Douglas Hackney
Wisconsin	Karen Todd

1977 CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMEN

Alabama	Dempsey Byrd
Arizona	Carol Seidburg
Arkansas	Jerry Nichols
California (Northern)	Burdell Wurzbarger
California (Southern)	Howard Mackey
District of Columbia-Maryland-West Virginia	Louise E. Gant
Florida	Charles Fulghum
Georgia	Joseph Parks Hill
Great Plains	Ruby Nichols
Illinois	Marianne Newberger
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Rocky Mountain	Stan Boxer
South Carolina	Barbara Fisher
Tennessee	Mattie Merry
Texas	Carolyn Moran
Virginia	Hugh Scott
Wisconsin	Norman Hanson

INTEREST GROUP OFFICERS

Group 1—Administrators, Executives and Board Members of Public and Voluntary Agencies

Chairman	<i>Jack Rusk</i>
Chairman Elect	<i>Robert Leighninger</i>
Secretary	<i>Helen Worden</i>

Group 2—Rehabilitation and Employment Services

Chairman	<i>Hugh Russell</i>
Chairman-Elect	<i>Pinkney Seales</i>
Secretary-Treasurer	<i>Don Sims</i>

Group 3—Social Case Services	
Chairman	<i>Shirley Dinner</i>
Chairman-Elect	<i>Edward W. Werden</i>
Secretary	<i>Ann Barber</i>
Group 4—Educational Services	
Chairman	<i>Dena Jaffee</i>
Chairman-Elect	<i>Lyn Frosythe</i>
Secretary	<i>Shirley Ebert</i>
Group 5—Literary and Library Services	
Chairman	<i>Richard Evensen</i>
Chairman-Elect	<i>Jesse Anderson</i>
Secretary	<i>Thelma Jones</i>
Group 6—Group Services	
	<i>Walter Boninger</i>
Group 7—Low Vision	
Chairman	<i>Dorothy Corvin</i>
Chairman-Elect	<i>Randy Jose, O.D.</i>
Secretary-Treasurer	<i>Marianne M. Apple</i>
Group 8—Public Relations	
Chairman	<i>Mary Jane O’Neil</i>
Chairman-Elect	<i>Donald Vest</i>
Group 9—Orientation and Mobility	
Chairman	<i>William Weiner</i>
Chairman-Elect	<i>Robert Mills</i>
Secretary-Treasurer	<i>Martin Yablonski</i>
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Chairman	<i>James E. Goodwin</i>
Chairman-Elect	<i>W. Arnold Culberson</i>
Group 11—Rehabilitation Teachers	
Chairman	<i>Billie P. Elder</i>
Chairman-Elect	<i>David Search</i>
Secretary-Treasurer	<i>Nancy Paskin</i>
Group 12—Sheltered Workshops	
Chairman	<i>John Granger</i>
Chairman-Elect	<i>Harold Richterman</i>
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AWARDS COMMITTEE

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THE PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Harold G. Roberts

May I welcome you once again to Portland for this the 47th convention of our Association. All of you will join me, I am sure, in expressing our appreciation to the members of the Host Committee, under the able leadership of Lester Swope, for their diligence in arranging for our comfort.

May I also take this opportunity to tell you how grateful I feel for the privilege of serving as your President during the past biennium. Although this office involves heavy and time-consuming responsibilities, the burden has been immeasurably lightened by the fine cooperation of my fellow officers and directors, and by the many members who so willingly served on numerous committees. There is not sufficient time to identify all of these individuals this morning, but their names will be spread throughout the published proceedings of this convention. I would be remiss, however, if I failed to publicly express my appreciation to our Immediate Past President, Bob Whitstock, for his wise counsel which helped me to avoid many pitfalls, and to our Executive Director, Bruce Blasch, whose only fault is insomnia which cost me many hours of sleep as we travelled around the country together.

After 82 years, AAWB is alive and well as we meet in Portland, Oregon. Our membership is composed of 2,879 individuals and 121 agencies organized into 31 chapters. The average attendance at meetings of the Board of Directors during this biennium has been 35 and the scars I wear are ample proof that they are an articulate and lively group.

There is no doubt in my mind that the strength of our organization lies in our membership, and that their collective energy has been liberated by the decentralization of our structure. One need only to sample a few state chapter and regional meetings to learn how true this is. These meetings provide a unique and regular mechanism for professional growth and exchange of information, as well as collective action to advance services and benefits for blind persons.

However, as often happens, change can be a mixed blessing. Although decentralization has served to revitalize our Association, new problems have emerged. On the management level, it seems to me that we need to devise a more efficient system for collection of dues and for maintenance of mailing lists. And we have to

cope with the resultant increase in demands being made upon our national office with its limited staff. I believe also that a need exists for a thorough review leading to a more sharply defined understanding of the interrelationship among the three levels of our organization--national, regional, and state. Moreover, ideas have already come forward spontaneously for altering the composition of our Board of Directors and for changing our voting procedures in the interest of further strengthening grass roots control. I suspect that a number of constructive changes will occur in the immediate years ahead.

Perhaps the most serious problem confronting our Association is the matter of finance. We faced similar problems during my term of office as Treasurer in the 1971-73 biennium. Acting together with our then President, Cleo Dolan, and President-Elect Robert Whitstock, a concerted and successful effort was made to put our financial house in order. The size of our staff and office space was reduced, and with the able assistance of Dean George Mallinson, who agreed to serve as Chairman of the Publications Advisory Committee, significant economies were introduced in our publications program. And in 1973, the membership approved a modest dues increase. In addition, our investment policies were revised to secure an increased yield from our general assets. At that time, we committed ourselves to a policy of financial self-sufficiency in order to avoid the swings in our fiscal stability by over-reliance upon external support which adversely affected our program.

These actions proved to be successful at least initially. During the 1973-75 biennium we operated with a balanced budget. However, in the first year of the current biennium, it was possible to avoid an operating deficit only because of the happenstance of an unanticipated legacy. During this fiscal year, although a balanced budget has been adopted, it appears that we face a deficit of several thousand dollars.

I would be remiss if I failed to call your attention to the hard fact that between January 1973 and March 1977, the National Consumer Price index rose from 127.7 to 178.2, an increase of 50.5 points or 39½ percent. Obviously, since our Association is not exempt from these economic factors anymore than you or your agencies are, our operating costs have increased accordingly during the past four years.

In grappling with all of these problems, your Board of Directors, at its May meeting, authorized the establishment of an ad hoc committee to recommend appropriate solutions. To our good fortune, our President-Elect, Mary K. Bauman, agreed to chair this committee, which has already been meeting. It would be inappropriate for me to attempt to predict this important committee's final recommendations, but I believe it is safe to say that one partial solution at least is to strive for increased memberships. And unquestionably, the best recruiter is a current member.

On the positive side, a number of gains have been made during the past biennium. Our general assets have grown from \$46,716 to

\$68,595; our accounting and auditing procedures have been strengthened; central files in the national office have been thoroughly re-organized; and the system for providing our members with a reduced rate subscription to the Journal of Visual Impairment and Blindness (formerly the New Outlook for the Blind), has been simplified.

A major accomplishment has been the preparation and adoption of policy statements expressing AAWB's position on a number of important issues dealing with professional qualifications, the umbrella concept, the role of workshops and work activity centers, research, legislation, low vision and consumerism. These statements constitute a useful tool in conducting our Association's social action activities, both nationally and locally. For this we are greatly indebted to Harold Richterman and to the members of the Chapter and Regionalization Committee which he so ably chaired.

Also, our Association has been influential in the preservation and upgrading of the Office for the Blind and Visually Handicapped in the Rehabilitation Services Administration. The recent loss of our good friend and leader, Douglas Mac Farland, increased our activities in this regard.

Still another accomplishment has been the establishment of the Braille Authority of North America as a successor to the National Braille Authority, which since 1962 had been sponsored by AAWB and AEVH and later joined by the National Braille Association. A year long study of the weakness

of the National Braille Authority followed by intensive negotiations led to the formation of BANA which now enjoys the sponsorship and financial support of eleven major organizations concerned with improvement of braille codes. In addition to the three original sponsors, these include the American Council of the Blind, the Association for Computing Machinery, the American Foundation for the Blind, the American Printing House for the Blind, the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, the Clovernook Home and School for the Blind, the Library of Congress and the National Federation of the Blind. BANA has now entered into a formal agreement with Florida State University which, with support from the U.S. Office of Education, is revising several technical braille codes. Both the federal grant and the agreement give authority for final adoption of these codes to BANA. As AAWB's representative on BANA's Board of Directors, I am privileged to serve as its chairman. I am especially pleased with this development because BANA demonstrates the feasibility of joint and co-operative action by a large number of independent organizations, which include service agencies and consumer groups, all working toward a common goal.

Finally, I should mention that continuing efforts are being made to reconcile differences in opinion between AAWB and the National Accreditation Council regarding standards affecting orientation and mobility instructors and rehabilitation teachers. In light of the excellent

relationship which has existed between the two organizations, and the fact that they share common goals, I feel confident that their differences will be resolved constructively.

With your permission I would like to close my remarks on a personal note. I entered the field of work for the blind some eighteen years ago, and even before I took up my official duties at the American Foundation for the Blind, I attended AAWB's National Convention which was held in Detroit in 1959. Since then, I have attended every convention except for the one held in Pittsburgh in 1966 when I was on special assignment in West Africa for the American Foundation for

Overseas Blind, the predecessor of my present agency Helen Keller International. Throughout all of these years, I have highly valued my association with AAWB for a number of reasons. Firstly, I recognize that our Association is an important vehicle for affecting the quality of life for blind persons. Secondly, participation in its affairs has broadened my professional knowledge and deepened my understanding of the critical issues which our specialized field of service has faced. Equally as important, is the opportunity our Association has afforded me for warm fellowship and for providing me with a sense of belonging to a great historic American movement. Thank you.

MINUTES OF THE 1977 BIENNIAL CONVENTION

The forty-seventh Biennial National Convention of the American Association of Workers for the Blind was held at the Portland Hilton Hotel in Portland, Oregon July 17-20, 1977. The attendance soared to over 700 participants. This included approximately 50 individuals attending the AEVH regional meeting (held simultaneously with AAWB) chaired by Dr. Roy Brothers. These individuals also participated in the AAWB convention. This arrangement

was very beneficial to all involved. The outstanding success of this busy convention was due to the efforts of the Host Committee, the program committee, the national office and President Harold Roberts.

The following listing of meetings workshops, speakers and interest groups are presented as they appeared in the program:

PROGRAM

SUNDAY, JULY 17, 1977

8:30 A.M.-9:00 P.M. BROADWAY LOBBY
REGISTRATION
8:30-11:45. TOUR OF PORTLAND

WORKSHOPS

9:30-5:30 PAVILION ROOM
LOW VISION WORKSHOP (see page 30)
12:00-5:00 PARLOR D
PUBLIC RELATIONS WORKSHOP (see page 31)

MEETINGS

1:30 PETITE SUITE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
1:30-3:00 FORUM SUITE
TELESENSORY SYSTEMS, INC. SPOKEN WORD OUTPUT MACHINES,
PAPERLESS BRAILLE AND OTHER NEW TOOLS UTILIZING SPEECH
OUTPUT—JOHN BEARD
2:00-5:00
FILM FESTIVAL. DIRECTORS SUITE
AAWB LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE (OPEN MEETING) ... BALLROOM B
3:00 COUNCIL SUITE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
3:30-5:00 BALLROOM A
INTEREST GROUP NO. 9
REPORT OF THE ARCHITECTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL CON-
CERNS COMMITTEE—PRESENTATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF
PAMPHLET DEALING WITH GUIDELINES OF ARCHITECTURE AND
ENVIRONMENTAL BARRIERS OF THE VISUALLY HANDICAPPED—
KENT WARDELL
REPORT OF AD HOC COMMITTEE ON SURVEY OF TEACHER CER-
TIFICATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS—JOHN MINOR
REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE
4:00-6:00 FORUM SUITE
ASSOCIATION OF REHABILITATION TEACHERS
5:00 PETITE SUITE
S. W. REGIONAL MEETING

7:00-9:00 BALLROOM A
OPENING GENERAL SESSION ... PRESIDENT HAROLD G. ROBERTS
PRESIDING
INVOCATION REV. ERVIN VANDEHEY
PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS EXPLORER SCOUT TROOP
O CANADA—STAR SPANGLED BANNER ... PATTY SHRECK
WELCOMING ADDRESS LES SPOWE
KEYNOTE ADDRESS INTERNATIONAL BLINDNESS
CHALLENGE TO OUR TECHNOLOGY, UNITY AND PROFESSIONAL
PHILOSOPHY—SIR JOHN WILSON, DIRECTOR, ROYAL COMMON-
WEALTH SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND, SUSSEX, ENGLAND
HISTORY AND
MEMORIAL COMMITTEE REPORT ... C. WARREN BLEDSOE
9:00 BALLROOM B
WELCOMING RECEPTION (Cash Bar)

MONDAY, JULY 18, 1977

7:15-8:30 PAVILION ROOM
CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S
BREAKFAST (Dutch Treat) HAROLD G. ROBERTS, PRESIDING
8:30-5:00 BROADWAY LOBBY
REGISTRATION—AAWB AND THE WESTERN REGION OF AEVH
AEVH PROGRAM (see page 33)
8:30-10:15
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE PETITE SUITE
AAWB-AEVH COMMITTEE PARLOR C
INTEREST GROUP NO. 1. FORUM SUITE
"VOLUNTEERISM"—MODERATOR—WALTER BONINGER
PANELISTS—JACKIE EHRLMAN AND PUTNAM BARBER
INTEREST GROUP NO. 3 STUDIO SUITE
THE CHANGING ROLE OF THE SOCIAL WORKER
EILEEN HANCOCK AND ARLENE GORDON
INTEREST GROUP NO. 5 COUNCIL SUITE
SERVICES TO READERS—THE LG MULTISTATE SERVICE CEN-
TER APPROACH—GERALD BUTTARS

SERVICE BY VOLUNTEERS—SOME REPORT PROGRAM ACTIVITIES— <i>MRS. WILLIAM EPSTEIN</i>	MODERATOR— <i>GALE STICKLER</i>
SERVICE TO STUDENTS—THE CALIFORNIA INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS PROGRAM— <i>FRED SINCLAIR</i>	PRIVATE AGENCY VIEWPOINT— <i>HAROLD RICHTERMAN</i>
	PUBLIC AGENCY VIEWPOINT— <i>DONALD WEDEWER</i>
INTEREST GROUP NO. 7 BALLROOM B	INTEREST GROUP NO. 7 PARLOR D-E
DEVELOPMENT OF INCREASED VISUAL FUNCTIONING THROUGH TRAINING PROGRAMS WITHOUT OPTICAL AIDS— <i>VINCE MCVEIGH</i> AND <i>NORMAN REISS, O.D.</i>	REHABILITATING LOW VISION INDIVIDUALS WITH FIELD LOSSES FRESNEL PRISMS— <i>WILLIAM FINN</i> AND <i>PATRICIA GADSBAY</i> ECCENTRIC VIEWING— <i>GREGG GOODRICH, Ph.D.</i> AND <i>R. DEE QUILLMAN</i> REVERSED TELESCOPES— <i>AUDREY SMITH</i> AND <i>RANDY JOSE, O.D.</i>
INTEREST GROUP NO. 11 BALLROOM A	INTEREST GROUP NO. 9 PAVILION ROOM
ACCREDITATION AS A PROCESS— <i>RICHARD W. BLEECKER, Ed.D.</i> COMPETENCY BASED CERTIFICATION— <i>SUSAN J. SPUNGIN, Ed.D.</i>	PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATION REVIEW PROPOSAL— <i>BILL WEINER, DONALD BLASCH</i> AND <i>GERALD MUNDY, Ed.D.</i> REMARKS— <i>PETER RYAN</i> RECEPTION
DEAF-BLIND SERVICES PARLOR E	INTEREST GROUP NO. 11 BALLROOM A
PRESIDING— <i>VERA MAIZELS</i> AND <i>CONSTANCE GANT</i>	KURZWEIL READING MACHINE—IMPLICATIONS FOR REHABILITATION— <i>RAYMOND KURZWEIL</i> RSA—THIRD PARTY EVALUATION OF KURZWEIL READING MACHINE IN A REHABILITATION SETTING— <i>DR. LARRY SCADDEN</i> REHABILITATION TEACHING WITH THE AGED BLIND— <i>THOMAS CIEISLESKI</i>
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FIRST GENERAL SESSION <i>HAROLD G. ROBERTS, PRESIDING</i> <i>CLEO B. DOLAN, CHAIRPERSON</i>	
PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS..... <i>HAROLD G. ROBERTS</i>	
PUBLIC RELATIONS, MEDIA AND MONEY— <i>RON SCHMIDT, DONALD J. STERLING</i> AND <i>JOSEPH ADAMS</i>	
REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE..... <i>ROBERT SPENCER</i>	
REPORT OF PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES..... <i>STUART GROUT</i>	
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CHANGES IN THE POPULATION OF BLIND CHILDREN— <i>DR. GERALDINE SCHOLL</i>	
THE GERIATRIC BLIND— <i>DR. BONNIE RUSSELL</i>	
TODAY'S EMPLOYED BLIND— <i>GEORGE MAGERS</i>	
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EARLY INTERVENTION IT'S MORE THAN A RECIPE— <i>NANCY AKESON</i>	
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ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY TRAINING FOR HANDICAPPED INDIVIDUALS OTHER THAN THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED— <i>BRUCE B. BLASCH, Ph.D.</i> AND <i>RICHARD L. WELSH, Ph.D.</i>	
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IMPLICATIONS OF RANDOLPH SHEPPARD ACT— <i>HENRY SEWARD</i>	
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PRESIDENTIAL RECEPTION (Cash Bar)	
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7:30-9:00	
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	8:30-5:00..... BROADWAY LOBBY REGISTRATION
	8:30-10:15
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	PLACEMENT A PERSPECTIVE— <i>TOMMY BODINE, LEWIS DAVIS</i> AND <i>DONALD WEDEWER</i>
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	WHAT IS THIS PROJECT VISION-UP?— <i>LEE ROBINSON</i> AND <i>NOEL CROFT</i> USING PROJECT VISION-UP WITH MULTIHANDICAPPED CHILDREN— <i>MAURINE OTOS</i> TRAINING PROFESSIONALS AND PARENTS IN USING PROJECT VISION-UP— <i>MADGE LESLEY, Ed.D.</i>
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	COMMUNITY RECREATION SYSTEMS FOR SERVING THE ELDERLY BLIND— <i>LINDA KIMMEL</i>
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	SUB-CONTRACT WORK AND HOW IT CAN PROVIDE MORE EMPLOYMENT FOR THE BLIND WORKING IN SHELTERED WORKSHOPS— <i>DAN BOUCHER</i>
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	THIRD GENERAL SESSION <i>HAROLD G. ROBERTS, PRESIDING</i> CURRENT TRENDS AND TREATMENT OF LOW VISION PATIENTS— <i>WESLEY D. SPRAGUE, CHAIRPERSON</i> IMPACT OF LOW VISION ON A MULTIPLE SERVICE AGENCY— <i>MILTON A. JAHODA</i> A CLEARER CONCEPT OF LOW VISION— <i>AUGUST COLENBRANDER, M.D.</i> LOW VISION COMMON CAUSES, CURRENT TREATMENTS— <i>WILLIAM SHEKTER, M.D.</i>

PRIORITIES AND PITFALLS IN LOW VISION CARE—*BRUCE ROSENTHAL, Q.D.*

NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

12:30-2:00 LUNCH

1:00-4:30 PETITE SUITE
VOTING

2:00-3:00
FOURTH GENERAL SESSION

PROBLEMS CONFRONTING AGENCIES
FOR THE BLIND PAVILION ROOM
MODERATOR—*WESLEY D. SPRAGUE*

CONSUMERISM BALLROOM B
MODERATOR—*SAM NEGRIN*
PANELISTS—*SANFORD ALEXANDER, III AND DON NATZKE*

BLIND PERSONS AND EMPLOYMENT FORUM SUITE
MODERATOR—*JOHN GRANGER*

LEGISLATION COUNCIL SUITE
MODERATOR—*IRVIN SCHLOSS*
PANELISTS—*JOHN DUNCAN, BARBARA MCGARRY AND GEORGE REED*

AAWB PARLOR C&D
MODERATOR—*ROY J. WARD*
PANELISTS—*JAMES BABB, JOHN MAXSON AND WILLIAM E. MILTON*

3:45-5:15

INTEREST GROUP NO. 1 FORUM SUITE
PREVENTING BLINDNESS—*SIR JOHN WILSON*
MODERATOR—*DR. ARNOLD SIMONSE*

INTEREST GROUP NO. 3 COUNCIL SUITE
THE IMPACT ON THE FAMILY OF THE BLIND FAMILY MEMBER—*CARROLL AULT*
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES OF BLIND CHILDREN INCLUDING MAIN-STREAMING—*SUSAN J. SPUNGIN, Ed.D.*

INTEREST GROUP NO. 5 STUDIO SUITE
RECENT TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS OF THE KURZWEIL READING MACHINE—*RAYMOND KURZWEIL*
RADIO READING SERVICE—TYPES OF TRANSMISSION AND TYPES OF PROGRAMMING—*GRAHAM ARCHER*

INTEREST GROUP NO. 7 PARLOR C&D
UTILIZATION OF TELESCOPIC LENSES FOR LOW VISION IN MOBILITY—*R. DEE QUILLMAN*
IN VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION—*PATRICIA HEIN*
IN THE CLASSROOM—*CONSTANCE CARTER*

INTEREST GROUP NO. 11 BALLROOM A
CLIENT EVALUATION-ASSESSMENT—*JUDY COVERT, ALICE RATTARY AND VELMA BECKER*

DEAF BLIND SERVICES PARLOR E
VERA MAIZELS AND CONSTANCE GANT, PRESIDING

FILM FESTIVAL DIRECTORS SUITE

7:30-10:30 BALLROOMS A&B
AMBROSE M. SHOTWELL AWARDS BANQUET—*HAROLD G. ROBERTS, PRESIDING*
INVOCATION *RABBI EMANUEL ROSE*
PRESENTATION OF THE AMBROSE M. SHOTWELL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD PRESENTED POSTHUMOUSLY TO DR. DOUGLAS C. MACFARLAND

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 1977

9:00-10:30 BALLROOM A
FIFTH GENERAL SESSION *HAROLD G. ROBERTS, PRESIDING*
CONSUMER NEEDS AND INVOLVEMENT—*WILLIAM COPPAGE, CHAIRPERSON*
VISION CANADA—THE UNMET NEEDS OF BLIND CANADIANS—*LOUISE COWAN*
THE CONSUMER NEEDS STUDY IN MASSACHUSETTS—*ANNE MARIE DELANEY*
CONSUMER PARTICIPATION IN THE VIRGINIA COMMISSION FOR THE VISUALLY HANDICAPPED'S PROGRAMS—*THOMAS C. MICHAEL*
FORMER CONSUMER VIEWS THE VIRGINIA COMMISSION FOR THE VISUALLY HANDICAPPED'S SERVICES—*FRANK PENLAND*

10:45-12:00
AAWB BUSINESS SESSION *HAROLD G. ROBERTS, PRESIDING*
REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE—*STUART GROUT, CHAIRMAN*
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS

TRANSFER OF GAVEL
ADJOURNMENT

12:15-1:45 BALLROOM B
MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

INVOCATION *REV. JERRY DAVIS*
MEMBERSHIP REPORT *MYRTLE GARRIS & WESLEY SPRAGUE*
PRESENTATION OF THE
ALFRED ALLEN AWARD TO C. WARREN BLEDSOE
PRESENTATION OF THE
JOHN MCAULAY AWARD TO ROBERT FRAUSE
PRESENTATION OF THE
PAST-PRESIDENT'S AWARD TO THE PENNSYLVANIA-DELAWARE CHAPTER OF AAWB

1:45-3:00 BALLROOM A
SIXTH GENERAL SESSION *MARY K. BAUMAN, PRESIDING*
LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES—*WILLIAM GALLAGHER, CHAIRPERSON*
LEISURE: A TIME, AN ATTITUDE AND A WAY OF LIFE—*LARRY NEAL, Ph.D.*
LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES FOR THE OLDER PERSON WITH A VISUAL HANDICAP—*DOUGLAS INKSTER, Ed.D.*
LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES FOR CONGENTIALLY BLIND AND VISUALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN—*PHILIP HATLEN, Ed.D.*
ATTITUDINAL IMPACT ON OPTIONS FOR LEISURE TIME—*ARLENE GORDON*

3:15-4:45 (Business Meeting all interest groups)
INTEREST GROUP NO. 1 PARLOR F
CONSUMERISM—CHAIRPERSON—*SAM NEGRIN*
PANELISTS—*W. HAROLD BLEAKLEY, ROY KUMPE, BURT RISLEY, DONALD WEDEWER*

INTEREST GROUP NO. 2 PARLOR D
SPEAKER—*WILLIAM THOMPSON*
BUSINESS MEETING

INTEREST GROUP NO. 3 DIRECTORS SUITE
BUSINESS MEETING

INTEREST GROUP NO. 4 PARLOR E
BUSINESS MEETING—ELECTION OF OFFICERS
IMPLICATIONS THE WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE FOR HANDICAPPED INDIVIDUALS WILL HAVE ON SERVICES TO BLIND CHILDREN—*MAROLYN STUBBLEFIELD*
IMPLICATIONS OF THE KURZWEIL READING MACHINE FOR BLIND CHILDREN AND YOUTH—*BARRY UNGER*

INTEREST GROUP NO. 5 COUNCIL SUITE
RECENT TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS—OPTACON REFINEMENTS AND OTHER DEVICES AND CONCEPTS—*JOHN BEARD*
RADIO READING SERVICE—TYPES OF TRANSMISSION AND TYPES OF PROGRAMMING—*DR. PATRICIA SWENSON*

INTEREST GROUP NO. 6 BALLROOM A
BUSINESS MEETING

INTEREST GROUP NO. 7 BALLROOM A
OPEN FORUM—SPECIFIC CASES WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE AUDIENCE FOR THEIR OPINIONS AS TO THE APPROPRIATE SERVICES NEEDED, PRIORITY OF SERVICES AND INVOLVEMENT OF OPTICAL AIDS IN THE DELIVERY OF THESE SERVICES.
MODERATOR—*RANDY JOSE, Q.D.*
PRESENTATIONS BY—*ELEANOR FAYE, Q.D., GREG GOODRICH, Ph.D., BRUCE ROSENTHAL, Q.D.*
BUSINESS MEETING—*DOROTHY CORVIN, CHAIRPERSON*

INTEREST GROUP NO. 8 STUDIO SUITE
VOLUNTEERS, AN EXTENSION OF PR
CHAIRPERSON—*MICHAEL MCMORROW*
PANEL—*JACKIE EHRLMAN AND RUTH LINVILL*

INTEREST GROUP NO. 9 PAVILLION
REPORT OF THE ETHICS COMMITTEE—*RICHARD WELSH, Ph.D.*
REPORT OF THE CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE—*ROBERT CROUSE, Ed.D.*
REPORT OF THE NEWSLETTER—*JANET FLOYD*
ELECTION OF OFFICERS
ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS

INTEREST GROUP NO. 10 FORUM SUITE
BUSINESS MEETING

INTEREST GROUP NO. 11 PARLOR C
BUSINESS MEETING

INTEREST GROUP NO. 12 PETITE SUITE
BUSINESS MEETING

DEAF-BLIND SERVICES BALLROOM B
VERA MAIZELS AND CONSTANCE GANT, PRESIDING

4:50 MEETING—NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS FORUM SUITE
 7:00 CONVENTION WRAP-UP (Cash Bar). PAVILLION

LOW VISION WORKSHOP

9:30-9:45 A.M. PAVILLION ROOM
 INTRODUCTION TO WORKSHOP—RANDY JOSE, O.D., DOROTHY V. CORVIN, MARIANNE APPLE

9:45-10:15 A.M.
 ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY—AN INTERNATIONAL OVERVIEW—MR. PETER RYAN, KEYNOTE SPEAKER, BLIND MOBILITY CENTER, BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND

10:15-11:15 A.M.
 DETERMINING APPROPRIATE REFERRALS FOR LOW VISION EXAMINATIONS THROUGH PRELIMINARY EVALUATIONS—KENT CARTER, M.A.

11:15-12:30
 PANEL RESPONSE TO MR. CARTER'S PRESENTATION AS IT APPLIES TO THEIR SPECIAL POPULATIONS
 LYNN DAVIS, M.Ed.—COMMUNITY REHABILITATIVE AGENCY
 PATRICIA GADBAW, M.S.—VETERANS BLIND REHABILITATION CENTER
 PATSY MAY—ITINERANT SPECIAL EDUCATION
 ELIZABETH LENNON—REHABILITATION COUNSELOR/TEACHER
 BOB MCGILLIVRAY—REHABILITATION CENTER

2:30 P.M.
 OVERVIEW OF A COMPREHENSIVE LOW VISION EVALUATION—A DEMONSTRATION—DR. WILLIAM LUDLAW

2:30-3:30 P.M.
 WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT TRAINING A PERSON TO USE DISTANT AIDS—BILL WEINER, M.A.

3:30-4:30 P.M.
 WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT TRAINING A PERSON TO USE NEAR AIDS—CONSTANCE LOARIE

4:30-5:30 P.M.
 INVOLVEMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN LOW VISION—JANICE HAWKINS

CONCLUSION

PUBLIC RELATIONS WORKSHOP

12:00-5:00
 THE ELECTRONIC MEDIA

12:00 THRU 2:00
 LUNCHEON MEETING, RADIO NEWS, FEATURES AND PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS—DONALD VEST, CHAIRMAN
 GUEST PANEL FROM KEX RADIO
 RICHARD KALE, VICE PRESIDENT, GENERAL MANAGER
 ERIC NORBERG, NEWS DIRECTOR
 DEBBIE DIERS, PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND CONTINUITY DIRECTOR

3:00 THRU 5:00
 TOUR OF KOIN T.V.
 ON LOCATION DISCUSSION OF T.V. NEEDS AND HOW TO GET YOUR MESSAGE ON THE TUBE—KAREN LEE, PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIRECTOR—HOSTESS

WESTERN REGION AEVH PROGRAM

8:00-8:45
 REGISTRATION

8:45-10:15 PAVILLION ROOM
 PUBLIC LAW 94-142 WHAT IT MEANS TO THE CLASSROOM TEACHER—E. LARRY MCKNIGHT

10:15-10:45
 BREAK

10:45-12:00
 CONCURRENT SESSION
 A. ASSESSMENT FORUM SUITE
 B. GOALS & OBJECTIVES DIRECTORS SUITE
 C. HOW MATERIALS AND MEDIA ARE WRITTEN IN AN INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM (I.E.P.) COUNCIL SUITE

1:30-2:45
 CONCURRENT SESSIONS REPEATED

2:45-3:30
 AEVH WESTERN REGION BUSINESS MEETING PAVILLION ROOM

While the entire convention was packed with excellent and informative programs, convention participants will long remember two significant events. To start the convention Sir John Wilson Director of the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind (England) and President, International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness delivered one of the most brilliant keynote speeches ever given at AAWB. This speech, because of its exceptional content will be published in its entirety in the BLINDNESS Annual. The second event was the Ambrose M. Shotwell memorial banquet. While there was an enormous amount of enthusiastic support for Dr. MacFarland being selected to receive the

award, his sudden death prevented the banquet from being the climax of this enthusiasm. However, the award was presented posthumously by one of Dr. MacFarland's oldest and dearest friends, Lou Rives. Mr. Rives did an exceptional job describing all of the accomplishments made by Dr. MacFarland, however it will be Marjorie MacFarland's acceptance speech that will long be remembered. Truly the spirit of Dr. MacFarland touched each person in attendance.

President Roberts presided at the final meeting. The following resolutions were presented by the chairman of the resolutions committee, Stuart Grout:

AAWB RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, Robert Leigh Miller has spent the last forty-one years working on behalf of blind, deaf-blind and visually impaired people and,

WHEREAS, through his efforts the first summer camp program for deaf-blind adults on the West Coast was begun in 1967 and,

WHEREAS, he has made significant efforts to gain the support of the deaf community for deaf-blind people, recognizing their common bond of sign-language and,

WHEREAS, his efforts as Production Manager of the Blind Craft Division of the San Francisco Light House for the Blind, were instrumental in the initial and continuing employment of many

deaf, deaf-blind and blind workers and,

WHEREAS, he has served on many advisory boards, committees, panels and other bodies of which the total effect has been the improvement of the situation of the disabled and,

WHEREAS, he became the first director of deaf-blind services of the San Francisco Lighthouse for the Blind,

THEREFORE, BE IT HERE RESOLVED that the American Association of Workers for the Blind heartily commend ROBERT LEIGH MILLER for his years of devoted service and congratulate him on an exemplary career, which is, we hope, far from being over.

MOTION: On behalf of the Resolutions Committee I move that the Legislative Committee of this body be instructed to explore all means with appropriate Federal officials for expediting clearance procedures for reproducing copyrighted printed materials into braille, large print or any recorded form.

MOTION: On behalf of the Resolutions Committee I move that the Legislative Committee of this body be instructed to inform the Post Master General and appropriate officials of the United States Postal Service of the potential for discrimination against handicapped persons if the Postal Service implements its proposed plan to charge a higher first class rate for mail that is not hand addressed. And to take whatever other reasonable and appropriate action necessary to prevent such discrimination.

Both of the above motions were unanimously passed at the business meeting of the American Association of Workers for the Blind on July 20, 1977.

A motion was made to support the inclusion of Orientation and Mobility under the medicare programs of the Social Security Act as amended.

After considerable discussion the motion was amended to include rehabilitation teachers. The motion passed.

A suggestion was made by John Maxson that board members at large should be elected by each region (i.e., one person per region). This suggestion was referred to the constitution and by-laws committee.

WHEREAS, Sir John Wilson has honored this Association by his provocative and inspiring Keynote address at the opening General Session

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the American Association of Workers for the Blind convey to Sir John Wilson, Director, Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind, Sussex, England its deep gratitude, warm appreciation and sincere thanks for his outstanding address.

The motion was made and passed to accept the resolution.

President Roberts expressed his appreciation for all the support and cooperation during his term of office from the membership, various committees, board of directors, Executive committee and especially from Carleater Holmes and Bruce Blasch. At this point President Roberts turned the gavel over to the incoming President Mary K. Bauman. Mrs. Bauman then presented Mr. Roberts with a beautiful gavel mounted on an engraved base for the outstanding term of office Mr. Robert had completed as President of AAWB.

Before adjourning the meeting President Bauman made a suggestion of establishing a Douglas C. MacFarland Memorial Fund to be used for encouraging professional activities. This recommendation met with an overwhelming consensus by the membership expressed in the form of a standing ovation. The guidelines for this memorial fund will be developed by a special ad hoc committee. President Bauman then adjourned the meeting.



Change of Gavel—Harold G. Roberts, Mary K. Bauman

TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE AAWB MEMBERSHIP

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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WORKERS FOR THE BLIND, INC.
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDED MAY 31, 1977

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Petty Cash	\$ 15.00	
Cash - Union Trust	4,950.33	
- Home Federal Savings & Loan	16,642.43	
- Maryland State Savings & Loan	3,026.41	
- Northwestern Federal Savings & Loan	32,209.53	
Cert. of Deposit - Home Federal	10,884.52	
Chapter Liability Insurance	66.00	
Total Current Assets		\$ 67,794.22

FIXED ASSETS

Net Fixed Assets		800.62
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TOTAL ASSETS

\$ 68,594.84

REVENUE

Membership - Agency	\$ 8,770.00
- Annual	32,123.40
- Life	3,989.60
- New Outlook	142.00
- Secretary	750.00
- Student	510.50
Certification O & M	28.00
Donations	265.00
Interest Income	921.36
National Convention	7,009.00
Other Income	1.95
Sale of Publications of Blindness	301.16
Rehabilitation Teacher Cert.	92.00
Xerox Machine	7.60
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 54,909.57

GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Accounting	\$ 1,250.00
Brailling	210.00
Committee & Board Expense	721.11
Dues & Subscriptions	966.00
Equipment Rental	66.00
Insurance - Employee	931.88
- General	647.00
Interest	.52
Journal of Blindness, Visual Impairment	10.00
National Convention Expense	1,897.44
Office Expense	130.75
Postage & Freight	1,553.37
Printing & Handling	1,141.92
Repairs & Maintenance	89.05
Retirement Plan Expenses	678.49
Rent	1,948.70
Salaries - Executive Director	8,333.40
- Administrative Asst.	4,166.70
- Secretary	4,231.31
- Part-Time	1,259.63
Supplies	306.04
Taxes - Other	1.00
- Payroll	1,347.78
Telephone	886.27
Travel	832.48
Xeroxing & Duplicating	<u>488.94</u>
TOTAL GENERAL & ADMIN. EXPENSES	\$ <u>34,095.98</u>
NET PROFIT (LOSS-)	<u>20,680.94</u>
FUND BALANCE - JANUARY 1	<u>45,269.78</u>
FUND BALANCE - END OF PERIOD	<u>65,950.72</u>

Respectfully Submitted,
Jerry Dunlap, Treasurer

BRAILLE AUTHORITY OF NORTH AMERICA (BANA)

At the end of 1976, the Braille Authority of North America came into being as a successor to the National Braille Authority.

This development is a direct outgrowth of a year long study conducted by an Ad Hoc Committee established by the Braille Authority and its National Advisory Committee. This study committee, chaired by Dr. M. Robert Barnett, was charged with the responsibility of developing a plan to strengthen the existing mechanism for improving braille technical codes in mathematics and science, music, computer notation and textbook formatting.

The National Braille Authority had been established in 1962 under the sponsorship of the American Association of Workers for the Blind (AAWB) and the Association of Education of the Visually Handicapped (AEVH) and was later joined by the National Braille Association (NBA).

After carefully reviewing the report and recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee, representatives of the three sponsoring organizations drew up the following resolution which subsequently was approved by their respective governing bodies.

WHEREAS: The present sponsoring associations (AAWB, AEVH, NBA) wish to involve other organizations concerned with the production, distribution, and use of braille as participants in the support

and direction of the Braille Authority of the United States, and

WHEREAS: It is deemed necessary to enlarge the scope and effectiveness of the Braille Authority to insure increased progress in the future development of braille,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The present sponsors invite the following organizations to join them as sponsors of the Braille Authority:

American Foundation for the Blind
Library of Congress (DBPH)
American Printing House for the Blind
American Council of the Blind
Blinded Veterans Association
National Federation of the Blind
Clovernook Home and School for the Blind
Canadian National Institute for the Blind
Association for Computing Machinery
Canadian Council of the Blind

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That upon accepting sponsorship, each of the above listed organizations and the three current sponsors shall appoint a representative to the governing board hereinafter called the (English) Braille Authority of North America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That each organization participating in the BANA shall be responsible for its organization, financial support, policy direction, and administration. It is further recommended that the BANA carry out its responsibilities through appropriate technical working

groups, whose chairmen shall constitute the technical review committee of the BANA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The present Braille Authority, Advisory Council, the technical committees

shall continue to serve until such time as the BANA is constituted.

Following is a list of the organizations which have joined BANA together with the names of their representatives:

- American Association of Workers for the Blind . . . Harold G. Roberts
- American Council of the Blind Floyd Cargill
- Association for Computing Machinery Robert A. J. Gildea
- Association for Education of the Visually Handicapped James E. Haralson
- American Foundation for the Blind Loyal E. Apple
- American Printing House for the Blind Ralph McCracken
- Canadian National Institute for the Blind E. G. Brown
- Clovernook Home and School for the Blind Martin F. Droege
- Library of Congress Richard Evensen
- National Braille Association Mrs. Irvin F. Richman
- National Federation of the Blind Dr. Kenneth Jernigan

At an organizational meeting held in Chicago, Illinois, on December 2, 1976, the following officers were elected: chairmen - H. G. Roberts, Vice Chairman - Dr. Kenneth Jernigan, Treasurer - Martin F. Droege, and Secretary - Mrs. Irvin F. Richman. By-laws are being prepared and steps are being taken to incorporate the new organization.

BANA's Board has held two additional meetings during 1977; on April 4th and June 8th. A set of by-laws has been adopted officially and BANA and Florida State University jointly have adopted a Memorandum of Understanding setting forth the basis for cooperation and collaboration with respect to

the standardization of braille codes. The University has received a grant from the U.S. Office of Education to conduct a project entitled "Braille Codes Standardization Project." Dr. Gideon R. Jones, Coordinator, Visual Disabilities, is the Project Director, and Miss Marjorie Hooper, former AAWB President, is the Major Investigator. The terms of the grant require BANA's approval of all proposed braille code changes.

Respectively submitted,

Harold G. Roberts, President
AAWB

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m., on Sunday, July 17, 1977 by Irvin P. Schloss

Members Present:

Harold Richterman, Secretary
Rodney Kossick
Russell Kirby
Don Wedewer
Louis Rives

Members Absent:

Peter J. Salmon, Vice Chairman
Dr. Randy Jose
Robert Crouse, Ph.D.
Henry Seward
John Duncan
Bruce Blasch
Mary Workman
William Coppage
Vernon Broussard
Thomas Murphy
Mel Saterbak
George Arsnow
Robert Pogorelc

As the Legislative Committee did not have a quorum, instead of having a formal meeting, the meeting turned into a question and answer period regarding legislation and pending legislation and Irv Schloss answered questions of the group. It should be noted that seventeen people were in attendance at this meeting.

Dr. Schloss suggested to the group that they try to attend the General Legislative meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday afternoon which was organized to answer questions regarding legislation and would have in attendance in addition to Irv Schloss, Barbara

McGarry and John Duncan, both of the AFB Governmental Relations Office staff. This program concerned itself with implications for service to blind people and included SSI and SSDI representatives from the Seattle regional office of SSA and the Portland District Office of SSA. In addition, it included a discussion on Title XX and the HEW Labor Appropriations Bill.

Report by Irv Schloss

The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 is in the process of being extended but final action is not expected until after Labor Day. Representative Brademas and Senator Randolph have introduced bills to extend the Act for five years while the Administration is recommending a three year extension. There is little to do at the present time until we see how this difference comes out in the fall of the year.

A summary of HR 8076, the Disability Insurance Amendments of 1977, introduced by Representative James Burke were given to the group. A number of improvements have been introduced but how far they will go is the question.

Senator Randolph introduced a bill in the Senate for the establishment of a national center for the handicapped but this bill has not been introduced into the House. The authorization language indicates an approval of up to ten million dollars for the

first year and additional sums after that not to exceed sixty million dollars in any one given year. The purpose of the bill is to provide for "model" programs in three areas:

1. Improved Services.
2. Improved Educational Facilities.
3. Improved Rehabilitation Facilities.

The feeling was that this bill will result in duplication under existing legislation, but AFB is interested in the "potential" of the bill.

Independent Living Bills--All we can do is wait and see--There is no "trend" yet which would indicate which way this proposed legislation will go. The AFB is interested in rehabilitation for older blind persons and getting this into this legislation.

There was a general discussion by the group with Irv Schloss of various factors and various

legislation--the discussion served to answer specific questions which were handled by Irv Schloss and Irv suggested that these questions might better be asked to the panel of experts at the Tuesday meeting.

A discussion ensued regarding funds for operation of regional distributing libraries to be given by the Library of Congress in Advance so that the regional libraries would know what funds would be available and could plan properly. No solution was found to this problem and the discussion was led by Russell Kirby.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Richterman
Secretary, Legislative
Committee, AAWB

REPORT OF THE HISTORY AND MEMORIAL COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WORKERS FOR THE BLIND

C. Warren Bledsoe, Chairman

Mr. President, Honored Guests of the Association, Fellow Members of the AAWB, Hewers and Haulers, Fetchers and Carriers, Inventors, Shining Examples, Agitators, Stormy Petrels, Philosophers, and Buffers:

If you can think of any other category of workers for the blind, I will be happy to add it.

This is the brief interlude in our convention when we open our sky lights and turn our eyes to heaven. For this occasion I have brought with me a venerable plaque. It was once on the bookcase of Mary Switzer's office in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, and it carries a rather daring sentiment which some of you may remember. Beside it stood another plaque which quoted Shakespeare's Prince Hal saying, "The first thing we do, let's kill all the lawyers." This plaque carries quite a different sentiment. It is Sir Jacob Astley's prayer before the battle of Newbury during the English Civil War which was preliminary to our own Revolution. Sir Jacob's prayer says, "Lord, I shall be very busie this day. I may forget Thee, but doe Thou not forget me."

Knowing how much I cherished this sentiment, Mary sent it to me the day before she retired. Nothing ever became her more than her style of giving away earthly

things which had spiritual significance. I want to profit by her example and pass this plaque and its message on to Bruce Blasch. It seems to me that the prayer which it contains is peculiarly fitting for those who are in the rehabilitation field. We are such inveterate and preoccupied action people, such doers, that we need a special dispensation to guide our doing and keep us from spinning our wheels. I think Mary would want the Executive Director to have this message where he could see it. I am sure wherever she is she will not forget to intercede for him and all of us to make this prayer effective.

There is an old Norse proverb which says, "Cattle die; kindred die; all things die; but the fair fame never of those who earned it."

It is the business of this committee to make good this promise to the blessed company of faithful people who are workers for the blind. One of the most personal questions we could ask ourselves and others is, "What do you really think about death?" Many wise people believe we don't think about it enough. Justice Holmes believed his brushes with death in the Civil War were among the most valuable experiences of his life. "In our youth," he said, "we were touched with tongues of fire." And he thought this had been a great spur to achievement

all his life. Late in life he quoted Sophocles to say, "Death plucks me by the ears and says, 'Live, I am coming.'"

Another important question we can ask each other about death is, "What do you expect to get from it, austere, painful in the extreme as it may be, very fatiguing as we have seen it after an exhausting day?"

If the most beautiful idylls in the world may be believed, we could hope for a soul finally taking leave of its body, letting go freely not only of the difficult, the dull and the commonplace, but also giving up everything else of the here and now to slip over the border into a new dimension of existence, of interests, surprises, perhaps continuations, but above all releases from outgrown things. But whatever heaven is, I think most of us hope it will not release us from responsibilities, merely from our hampering traits, giving us a new chance at a new kind of love and beauty.

This year more than ever our feelings are torn by two strong contrasting kinds of death--that of the venerable who, according to John Donne, "whisper to their souls to go," and those who have been taken from us, it seems, long before their time. Leigh Johnstone and Joseph Clunk were the former. Douglas MacFarland and Joseph Kohn were the latter.

I am going to read the names of all members who have died who have been reported since the last convention. Since time does not permit me to give full biographies on this occasion, I have selected

one of our heroes to celebrate in detail because of the far-reaching effects of his undoubted devotion.

Joseph Clunk, who died September 30th, 1975, was the father of what is now the Office for the Blind and Visually Handicapped in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. The office had its beginnings in 1937 as a unit called "Services for the Blind" in the Office of Education, then under the Department of the Interior. The unit has had other administrative lodgings since, but in all of them it has had an identifiable personality, based on certain principles stemming from Joseph F. Clunk, its first chief.

Clunk was a redoubtable champion of blind people who was himself without sight. He came to the Federal government as an authority on placement of blind people outside sheltered shops in the general labor market. He was a past master at persuading industrialists and their foremen to let him study their operations, choose what he thought could be done without sight and demonstrate he was right by doing the job himself. He had made an impressive success of this practice first in Ohio and later in Canada.

When in 1936 the Randolph-Sheppard Law was enacted to provide licenses for blind people to operate vending stands in Federal buildings, and to survey job opportunities for them on a national level, Clunk was sought out in Canada and persuaded to head the program. He began with a small staff living on the budgetary fortunes and good graces of the Commissioner of Education

and the Chief of his Vocational Rehabilitation Division. That division had been in existence since the passage of the Smith-Fess Act authorized it in 1920, but during all that time those who administered the rehabilitation program had a guarded, benevolent skepticism toward the potentials of blind people, which was virtually the opposite of Clunk's sanguine and expansive view. Results had been as meager as expectations. On a nationwide basis there were 399 rehabilitations in 1925; 692 in 1934.

Having penetrated the reserves of the industrial world, Clunk was not one to be baffled by conservatives who were fundamentally kind. With alacrity, considering the odds against him, he managed to weld together a team of specialists on blindness who were blind themselves, from whom was to evolve the role of employment specialist on blindness in the Federal program. The late Dr. Douglas C. MacFarland and his successor, George Magers, were both associated with (and had indoctrination from) Clunk and his group of pioneers.

Expansion of Clunk's program was made possible in 1943 when the Barden-LaFollette Act brought this unit into the public program with financial provisions that permitted Clunk to train groups of placement specialists. Four decades later training and place-

ment of blind workers remains the tough fabric of policy for what is now the Office for the Blind and Visually Handicapped, although the program has been expanded and diversified beyond the expectations of virtually all Clunk's contemporaries, though not beyond his dreams. There was no limit to what he dreamed for blind people, while never losing sight of what he called the meat and potatoes of the program--training blind people to work and placing them in jobs.

Emily Dickenson wrote:

"The Bustle in the house
The morning after death
Is solemnest of industries
Enacted upon earth."

"The sweeping up the heart
And putting love away
We shall not want to use again
Until eternity."

As we think of our other friends unlike Joseph Clunk who have died before their time, it takes something strong in the way of management of our feelings because we are confronted with eternal mysteries. The dialog between the Almighty and Job ended with, "Be still, and know that I am God."

Henry Vaughan's metaphysical poem, "The Night," leads us down the same path.

"Through that pure Virgin-shrine,
That sacred vail drawn o'r thy glorious noon
That men might look and live as Glo-worms shine,
And face the Moon:
Wise Nicodemus saw such light
As made him know his God by night.

"Most blest believer he!
Who in that land of darkness and blinde eyes
Thy long expected healing wings could see,
When thou didst rise,
And what can never more be done,
Did at mid-night speak with the Sun!

"O who will tell me, where
He found thee at that dead and silent hour!
What hallow'd solitary ground did bear
So rare a flower,
Within whose sacred leafs did lie
The fulness of the Deity.

"No mercy-seat of gold,
No dead and dusty Cherub, nor carv'd stone,
But his own living works did my Lord hold
And lodge alone;
Where trees and herbs did watch and peep
And wonder, while the Jews did sleep.

"Dear night! this worlds defeat;
The stop to busie fools; cares check and curb;
The day of Spirits; my souls calm retreat
Which none disturb!
Christs progress, and his prayer time;
The hours to which high Heaven doth chime.

"Gods silent, searching flight:
When my Lords head is fill'd with dew, and all
His locks are wet with the clear drops of night;
His still, soft call;
His knocking time; The souls dumb watch.
When Spirits their fair kindred catch.

"Were all my loud, evil days
Calm and unhaunted as is thy dark Tent,
Whose peace but by some Angels wing or voice
Is seldom rent;
Then I in Heaven all the long year
Would keep, and never wander here.

"But living where the Sun
Doth all things wake, and where all mix and tyre
Themselves and others, I consent and run
To ev'ry myre,
And by this worlds ill-guiding light,
Erre more then I can do by night.

"There is in God (some say)
A deep, but dazzling darkness; As men here
Say it is late and dusky, because they
See not all clear;
O for that night! where I in him
Might live invisible and dim."

The names of members who have
died in the last two years are:

Gladys Cole
Leighton David - Pennsylvania
Lillian Dunn - Missouri
Agnes Fowler - New Jersey
Diane Harrison - Ohio
Martha Brennan Hahnal - Ohio
Eleanor Ingram
Leigh Johnston - Missouri
Joseph Kohn - New Jersey
Douglas MacFarland - D.C. and
Virginia
Raymond Morgan - North Carolina
Ishbel Ross - New York
Leo Ruslander - Maryland
William Schmand - Maryland

Joseph Seeley - New York
Douglas I. Southwell - Florida
Mary Wilson - Minnesota

"Cattle die, kindred die; all
things die, but the fair fame
never of those who earned it."

In affirmation of this, and in
place of the customary moment of
silence, I ask you to applaud
the lives of these colleagues who
are no longer here.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Robert Spencer, Chairman of the Nominating Committee presents the following slate of officers to the attention of the national membership. Six national representatives to the Board will be elected at the Portland convention this summer. National representatives serve for a four year term. The six candidates nominated for these Board positions are: Berdell Wurzbarger, San Francisco State College, San Francisco, California; Randy Jose, O.D., Center for the Blind, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania ; Arlene Gordon, New York Association for the Blind, New York , New York; Robert Crouse, Ed. D., Atlanta Area Services for the Blind, Atlanta, Georgia; Judy Covert, Clovernook School for the Blind, Cincinnati, Ohio; Margaret Bluhm, The Foundation for Blind Children, Phoenix, Arizona. Nominations will also be welcome from the floor at the Third General Session on Tuesday Morning.

For President-elect the committee nominated Jerry Dunlap, Assistant Director, Division of Visual

Services in Oklahoma City. Mr. Dunlap is currently Treasurer of AAWB.

For Secretary the Committee nominated William Coppage to serve a second term in this capacity. Mr. Coppage is Director of the Virginia Commission for the Visually Handicapped. Besides being Secretary of AAWB, he is a member of the Legislative Committee.

Nominated for Treasurer was William Gallagher of the American Foundation for the Blind in New York. Mr. Gallagher is on the Executive Committee of AAWB and is also a member of the Chapter and Regionalization Organization Committee.

REPORT OF ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY
CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Robert J. Crouse, Chairman

Since October 29, 1976, the Orientation and Mobility Certification Committee received or had pending eighty-two applications for certification. The following actions were taken on existing applications:

29 applicants were approved for Provisional Certification

11 applicants were approved for Permanent Certification

0 applicants were denied any certification

42 applicants are pending receipt of additional support data

Persons approved were:

Provisional Certificates

Baumgardner, Susan
Bitterman, Henry M.
Blake, Mary J.
Buser, Patricia
Calicott, Kay D.
DeLisi, Louis
Ehrhardt, Leon
Edleman, Eileen L.
Gough, Beverly
Grayson, Janet
Hohler, Jane D.
Huss, Charles P.
Krems, Sandra
LaGrow, Steven D.
Marscher, James
Miller, Terry
Miner, Kathy A.
Nye, Joseph
Pikovsky, Rosalie
Rosenheim, Shari
Roth, Charles
Ryan, Susan M.

Sarvis, Betty Ann
Smedley, Kenneth
Stewart, Ian
Van Valkenburgh, Emily
Van Wyngarden, Larry
Williams, John
Winter, Jane H.

Permanent Certification

Baird, Anne
Carter, Kent D.
Daily, Robert H.
Dillon, Michael F.
Finn, William
Jessen, Phillip
Liu, Pamela C.
Macknin, Carol
Mac Williams, Laurel
Mc Culloch, Kenneth
Proctor, Patricia
Thompson, Thomas J.

Enclosed is a complete updated list of certified mobility specialists approved by the Board of AAWB, including the list of foregoing applicants we are presently recommending to you.

A total of 296 persons have met Provisional Certification and 309 persons hold Permanent Certification.

Applications from graduates of these colleges or universities are accepted.

Boston College (M.Ed.)
Western Michigan University (MA)
California State University
at Los Angeles (MA)

California State University
at San Francisco (MA)
University of Pittsburgh (MA)
University of Northern
Colorado (MA)
Hunter College (MA)
Stephen F. Austin State
University (BS)
Florida State University (BS)
Cleveland State University (BS)

We are at present reviewing
curriculum from Talladega College,
and the University of Arkansas to

determine if their graduates will
meet certification requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Crouse,
Chairman

Committee Members:

Ms. Lynne Davis - Georgia
Mr. John Ferraro - Colorado
Mr. Michael Herron - Massachusetts
Mr. Dan McLaughlin - New York
Mr. Stephen Sanford - Minnesota
Ms. Susan Stealey - Illinois
Ms. Audrey Smith - Pennsylvania
Mr. William Walkowiak - Michigan
Ms. Jan Siegrist - New Mexico

ATTACHMENT B

REPORT OF ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Robert J. Crouse, Chairman

Since April 20, 1976, the Orientation and Mobility Certification Committee received fifty-two (52) new applications for certification. The following actions were taken on all existing applications:

- 29 applications were approved for Provisional Certification
- 13 applicants were approved for Permanent Certification
- 0 applicants were denied any certification
- 33 applications are pending receipt of additional support data

Persons approved were:

Provisional Certificates

Berner, Catherine L.
Bernstein, Joan M.
Besden, Cheryl L.
Birse, Barbara C.
Butler, Rebecca A.
Castelluccio, Christine
Clausnitzer, Elaine J.
Cory, Dennis N.
Cote, Paul E.
Kambic, Patricia E.
Kazan-Wilcox, Shelley
Ketterer, Hannelore

Kronick, Marilyn K.
Lee, Barbara
Mattern, Sally
Mattingly, William B.
Mazoff, Helaine L.
McLinden, Daniel J.
Quellette, Gisele C.
Renner, Barbara J.
Rowan, Charles B.
Satterlee, Pamela
Scanland, Tobias T.
Seeley, Harriet B.
Trout, Myra S.
VanCampernellie, Laurie
Watson, Laurel L.
Wollman, Lynne R.
Zimmerman, George J.

Permanent Certification

Aby, Mary S.
Beard, David C.
Dechaine, Gary D.
Doehne, Linda A.
Gebhardt, Carolyn L.
Giers, Philip M.
Lieberman, Robert
Page, Clarence E.
Pickett, Beal
Pattison, Claudia S.
Rickert, Shirley Miles
Roper, Richard J.
Syverson, Philip G.

Enclosed is a complete updated list of certified approved by the Board of AAWB including the list of foregoing applicants we are presently recommending to you.

A total of 277 persons have met Provisional Certification and 299 persons hold Permanent Certification.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Crouse, Chairman

Committee Members:

Ms. Lynne Davis - Georgia
Mr. John Ferraro - Colorado
Mr. Michael Herron - Massachusetts
Mr. Don McLaughlin - New York
Mr. Stephen Sanford - Minnesota
Ms. Susan Stealey - Illinois
Ms. Audrey Smith - Pennsylvania
Mr. William Walkowiak - Michigan
Ms. Jan Siegrist - New Mexico

REPORT OF ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY
CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Robert J. Crouse, Chairman

Since July 20, 1975, the Orientation and Mobility Certification Committee has received eighty-nine (89) applications for certification. The following actions were taken:

35 applicants were approved
for Provisional Certification

29 applicants were approved for
Permanent Certification

4 applicants were denied any
certification due to failure
to meet certification
standards

21 applications are pending
receipt of additional support
data

Persons approved were:

Provisional Certificates

Alberts, Cynthia R.
Allen, William E.
Blackman, Thomas R.
Branch, Charles E.
Broad, Jannie
del Barco, Ann M.
Dickson, Wanda D.
Dobkin, Ina A.
Dooley, Glenn E.
Gerritsen, Bryan R.
Griffith, Anne A.
Hand, Henry J.
Hayles, Kenneth F.
Hickey, Edward L.
Kaldis, Barbara
Kagel, Robert M.
Ketzhooffer, Gerald J.
Kramer, Minda
Lugenbeal, Terry R.

Mathews, Irene
McClain, Gayla S.
McKinley, Linda J.
McMahon, Eugene P.
Prince, John C.
Reynolds Dwight A.
Rotunno, Thomas
Rubin, Nancye K.
Schwab, Patrick D.
Shane, Karen G.
Shier, Gerald
Siegrist, Jan A.
Strauss, Judy L.
Wills, Deborah S.
Witter, David P.
Zegulich, Maryann

Permanent Certification

Caldwell, Mathew S.
Coll, Stephen A.
Cook, Karin P.
Dunn, James H.
Esposito, Robert J.
Evans, Patricia
Fleharty, Sharon A.
Fluharty, William A.
Herron, Michael E.
Hill, J. Allen
Hillsberg, Bonnie
Kantack, Donald E.
Karpen, Mary Lou
Keel, Linda S.
Levithan, Nance L.
Mammel, Terence E.
Morse, Kathleen A.
McClintock, Raymond L.
McCoy, Margaret K.
Nelson, Daniel A.
Orcutt, Stephen G.
Saber, Gala S.
Sanford, Stephen R.
Schuricht, Richard W.

Snow, Clifford
Siffermann, Eileen
Steninger, Larry M.
Wood, James R.
Zaffore, John F.

Enclosed you will find a complete list of those applicants approved by the Board of AAWB inclusive of the foregoing applicants we are presently recommending to you.

A total of 257 persons have met Provisional Certification

and 285 persons hold Permanent Certification.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Crouse, Chairman

Committee Members:

Ms. Lynne Davis - Georgia
Mr. John Ferraro - Colorado
Mr. Michael Herron - Massachusetts
Mr. Don McLaughlin - New York
Mr. Stephen Sanford - Minnesota
Ms. Susan Stealey - Illinois
Ms. Audrey Smith - Pennsylvania
Mr. William Walkowiak - Missouri
Ms. Jan Siegrist - New Mexico

PERMANENT CERTIFICATION

Official Listing of AAWB
Orientation and Mobility Certifi-
cation Committee as of April 20,
1976:

Acton, James
Arlt, Ronald
Atkinson, Tommy
Aust, Adrienne
Bailey, Leo
Ballard, Clarence
Beliveau, Monica
Bell, Nancy
Bentzen, Billie
Beng, Rachel
Bergeron, Susan
Bischoff, Fred
Bjork, Evert
Blakeslee, Raymond
Blasch, Bruce
Bohman, Richard
Boyle, Mary
Bradfield, Betty
Brooks, Raymond
Brown, Michael
Bryan, William
Bryant, Bob
Bugielski, Richard
Buonanni, Brian
Burke, John
Bush, Dennis
Caldwell, Mathew S.
Campbell, Lawrence

Campos, Radames
Carney, James
Carugati, Donald
Cavanaugh, Mary
Chee, Leatrice
Ciampa, William
Clark, Terrence
Cole, Martha
Coll, Stephen A.
Cook, Karin P.
Coolman, Vaughn
Corbett, Alford
Cordell, James
Corkery, Robert
Crouse, Robert
Crozier Jr., Charles
Cruthirds, Leslie
Curtis, William
Darling, Nancy
Daugherty, Kathryn
Davis, Lynn
De Piano, Darlene
Di Mattia, Ralph
Di Zebba, Anthony
Dolan, Mary
Dolan, William
Dornbusch, Helen
Dotson, Nancy
Doyle, James
Dunn, James H.
Duran, Isidoro

Eigler, Judy
Eisenberg, Robert
Ekstrom, William
Elias, Helen
Embry, Brenda
Esposito, Robert J.
Estersonn, Harriet
Enzinna, A. James
Evans, Patricia
Farmer, Leicester
Fay, Joseph
Ferraro, John
Ferraro, Sandra
Fleharty, Dean
Fleharty, Sharon A.
Fletcher, James
Floyd, Janet
Fluherty, William A.
Gagnon, Rene
Gamble, Kevin
Gannon, William
Gilligan, Veronica
Gillis, James
Gilson, Charles
Glatz, Paul
Gockman, Robert
Goldberg, Samuel
Goodsaid, Daniel
Greene, Mary
Griess, Raymond
Guidry, Tilden
Haith, Leon
Hall, Robert
Hammond, Patricia

Hapeman, Lawrence
Harvin, Ernest
Hazekamp, John
Head, Daniel
Healey, Jill
Healy, Gene
Hennessey, Joseph
Herron, Michael E.
Hey, Clarence
Higgins, Michael
Hill, Everett
Hill, J. Allen
Hillsberg, Bonnie
Hines, Samuel
Howell, Jacqueline
Howell, Robert
Hubbard, James
Huff, Roger
Hughes, Robert
Jackson, Diane
Jacobson, William
Jansen, Wayne
Johnson, Nancy
Johnson, Phillip
Kappan, David
Kantack, Donald E.
Karpen, Mary Lou
Keblbek, Elizabeth
Keel, Linda S.
King, Larry
Kingsley, Wilfred
Kirchner, Sharon
Knight, Wayne
Koper, David

Kopitsky, Joseph
Kording, George
Kossick, Rodney
Kramer, Louis
Kroleski, Patricia
Kucera, Bette
LaDuke, Robert
Larson, Richard
Lasky, Harry
Lassen, James
Lawless, Mary Ann
Leeder, William
Lessard, Kevin
Lessne, Robert
Levenbach, Beth
Levithan, Nance L.
Liska, James
LoGuidice, Donald
Lolli, Dennis
Long, Robert
Lydon, William
McClintock, Raymond L.
McCoy, Edward
McCoy, Margaret K.
McDade, Paul
McFetridge, Marcia
McGowan, David
McGraw, Loretta
MacLeod, E. Ruth
Mahnke, Mark
Major, Michael
Malamazian, John
Mammel, Terence E.
Manuele, Anthony

Mees, Edward
Michel, Lillian
Mills, Robert
Miller, Daniel
Minor, John
Montgomery, Robert
Moore, Frank
Moore, Julia
Morris, Catherine
Morrison, Kenneth
Morse, Kathleen A.
Mundy, Marianne
Mundy, Gerald
Murphy, Michael
Murphy, William
Nelson, Daniel A.
Nichols, Gordon
Noble, J. Wayne
Numsen, George
O'Connor, Patricia
Olenek, Walter
Olsen, Douglas
Olson, John
O'Neill, Arthur
Orcutt, Stephen G.
Papineau, Andrew
Paradise, Samuel
Parrish, John
Pierson, Neil
Pociask, Walter
Polfus, Edward
Ponder, Purvis
Quillman, Robert
Raducha, Joyce

Richards, Robert	Springer, William
Ridgeway, Robert	Stanton, Claude
Robinson, Eddie	Stealey, Sue
Rocsin, John	Steninger, Larry M.
Rosemeyer, Martha	Stephens, Arline
Rudder, Maria	Stephens, Noel
Rudkin, Stanley	Steward, Donald
Russo, Richard	Sullivan, William
Rutberg, Judith	Suterko, Stanley
Ryan, Daniel	Tabor-Beck, Linda
Ryan, Francis	Talarico, Anthony
Saber, Gala S.	Tapp, Kenneth
Sanford, Stephen R.	Taube, Irene
Scheel, Paul	Taviani, Paul
Scheffel, Robert	Taylor, David
Schelb, Mike	Terzieff, Ivan
Schneider, Nancy	Texley, Ronald
Schultz, Gary	Thuis, Edward
Schuricht, Richard W.	Thuis, Michael
Seelye, Wilma	Trevena, Thomas
Seidberg, Carol	Umsted, Richard
Seemes, Clovis	Vandergrift, Gerald
Seward, Rosalie	Vanderveer, Lowell
Shannon, Phillips	Van Hoven, Thomas
Sharko, Judith	Vigoroso, Hugo
Siegel, Alan	Van Handorf, Richard
Siffermann, Eileen	Von Schneden, Margaret
Silver, Frederick	Vopata, Alvin
Smith, Audrey	Walkowiak, William
Smith, Diane	Ward, Charles
Smith, Jesse	Ward, Rex
Smith, Robert	Wardell, Kent
Snow, Clifford	Watefield, Peter
Soja, Patrick	Webber, Margaret

Webster, Richard
Weessies, Marvin
Welsh, Richard
Wetsch, Ricarda
Whitehead, James
Widerberg, Lloyd
Wiener, William
Winans, Jan
Wood, Daniel
Wood, Franklin
Wood, James R.
Wood, Thomas

Wooling, Howard
Wright, Charles
Wright, Jarrel
Wurzbürger, Berdell
Wynn, Sidney
Yablonski, Martin
Yocum, Phillip
Yuen, Carolyn
Zaffore, John F.
Ziff, David
Ziska, Leonard

PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATION

Official Listing of AAWB
Orientation and Mobility Certifi-
cation Committee as of April 20,
1976:

Adair, Elly
Alberto, Cynthia
Alexander, Karen
Allen, Craig
Allen, William E.
Altman, Jo Anne
Angus, Matthew
Anthony, Thomas
Appel, Gail
Apple, Marianne
Azpeitia, Armando
Baird, Anne
Barlow, Beveraly
Basham, Leland
Baumstark, Catherine
Bauserman, Charles
Beard, David
Bennehof, Ronald
Bentley, Gary
Berinati, William
Biggs, Wanda
Bileski, Bennie
Bina, Michael
Blackman, Thomas R.
Blasch, Bernard
Blue, Dawn
Boe, Eric
Boehm, Wendy

Borkon, Michael
Boughton, Robert
Bradfield, Anna
Branch, Charles E.
Broad, Jannie
Butler, David
Caron, Jan
Carroll, Antoinette
Carter, Connie
Carter, Kent
Cheek, Kathleen
Clapp, John
Como, James
Conte, John
Cook, Christine
Cook, Harry
Cooper, Thomas
Corbett, Michael
Cordle, Dan
Crummel, Berta
Curtis, Cynthia
Dailey, Robert
Davis, Raymond
Day, Robert
Dechaine, Gary
Del Frari, Paul
del Barco, Ann M.
De Rubis, Donald
Devereaux, Karen
Dickson, Wanda D.
Dieckmann, Catherine

Diehl, Susan
Dillon, Michael
Dobkin, Ina A.
Doehne, Linda
Dooley, Glenn E.
Dosch, Thomas
Douglas, Jean
Duehl, Alice
Dwyer, Margaret
Dyer, Charleye
Elliott, Michael
Ervin, Sue
Fawcett, Rebecca
Fazzi, Vincent
Fenchak, Ronald
Fielder, Brenda
Fisher, Constance
Fisk, Samuel
Flanigan, Susan
Flynn, Kevin
Forman, Edward
Fox, Catherine
Franke, Richard
Friedland, Lynn
Friedman, Robert
Gale, Stanley
Gebhardt, Carolyn
Gerritsen, Bryan R.
Gienau, Ellen
Giers, Phillip
Goldie, Dorothy
Goodrich, Hera
Grant, Ilene

Griffin, Lorraine
Griffith, Anne A.
Grogan, Jean
Hale, Jean
Hall, John
Hampton, Sharon
Hand, Henry J.
Harren, Patricia
Harrington, Susan
Hatch, Catherine
Hayles, Kenneth F.
Haynes, Brenda
Hazard Jr., Willis
Heekin, Polly
Hickey, Edward L.
Hilner, Richard
Hirsch, Karin
Horney, Lorraine
Houghton, Rosemary
Hudson, Laura
Hurley, Raymond
Hyar, Richard
Jacobson, William
Jessen, Philip
Johnson, Scott
Jones, Jimmy
Kagel, Robert N.
Kardis, Barbara
Kashinsky, Shelley
Kasprzak, Josephine
Katz, Constance
Keith, David
Kelly, Genevieve

Kessler, James
Kitzhoffer, Gerald J.
Klahm, Alex
Klushin, Kay
Kording, Donald
Kramer, Minda
Kronick, Lewis
Lane, Diane
Lane, Patricia
Langan, Carla
Lapekas, Phillip
La Point, Dennis
LeDuc, James
Lee Edward
Lee, Stephen
Lester, Wayne
Lewis, Harold
Lieberman, Robert
Lindh, Peter
Lloyd, Rawson
Loarie, Constance
Longo, Terrence
Lugenbeal, Terry R.
Luken, Charles
Lyon, Sharon
McCloskey, Sandra
McCloskey, William
McConville, Edward
McCulloch, Kenneth
McDonald, Fletcher
McHugh, John
McIntyre, Kathleen
McLaughlin, Dan

Macknin, Carol
MacWilliam, Laurel
Marsh, Mimi
Mathews, Irene
Mayer, Monty
Maywalt, David
McClain, Gayla S.
McKinley, Linda J.
McMahon, Eugene P.
Miles, Shirley R.
Miller, Carol
Millspaugh, David
Mock, Dawn
Morgan, Janet
Mortarelli, Ettore
Moylan Jr., Lambert
Munton, George
Myers, Lois
Nathan, Jeanette
Neall, Christopher
Necaise, Nick
Newby, Orrin
Newcomer, James
Newman, Kathleen
Noceti, George
Oien, Gordon
O'Shaughnessy, Thomas
Owens, Daniel
Owens, Marjorie
Paff, Shereen
Page, Clarence
Palumbo, Florence
Petrizzi, Michael

Petrus, Christine
Phillips, Debra
Pickett, Beal
Popko, Ronald
Prince, John C.
Rakoczy, Suzanne
Randolph, Leo
Reed, Marianne
Reed, Eileen
Reeves, Gwynne
Reynolds, Dwight A.
Rolstad, Janice
Rotunno, Thomas
Rubin, Nancye K.
Sauerburger, Dona
Schipke, Jean
Schuler, Irene
Schwab, Pamela
Schwab, Patrick D.
Shane, Karen G.
Shier, Susan
Shier, Gerald B.
Siegrist, Jan A.
Slonneger, Glen
Slotnick, Melvin
Smith, Douglas
Smith, Edward
Souris, Constantine
Stallworth, Darrell
Strauss, Judy L.
Sunderland, Bruce
Swaino, Marian

Syverson, Phillip
Terzieff, Ivan
Tetrault, Donna
Thompson, Thomas
Truax, Scott
Toda, Karen
Turner, Ronald
Unell, Anne
Van Hoven, Thomas
Voorhies, Jill
Voorhies, Mark
Wadsworth, Jay
Walker, Susan
Wallace, Bruce
Warrick, James
Webster, Diane
Weiss, Ellen
Welker, Mary
Werner, Rita
Whitcomb, Lois
Williamson, Ted
Willits, Patricia
Wills, Deborah S.
Wilmot, Patrick
Wilson, George
Witter, David P.
Wood, Marjorie
Young, Christine
Zalewski, June
Zigwich, Maryann
Zimbelman, John
Zerklebach, Lynne

REGISTRY OF MOBILITY SPECIALISTS WHO SUPPORT THE ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY CODE OF ETHICS

In 1973, the Orientation and Mobility Interest Group of the American Association of Workers for the Blind adopted a Code of Ethics for Mobility Specialists. Since many practicing mobility specialists had already received permanent certification at the time the Code was adopted and since not all certified mobility specialists belong to AAWB, it was necessary to establish a procedure by which mobility specialists could express their commitment to the Code and their intention to practice within the spirit of its principles. During the past year, a registry of mobility specialists who support the Code and adhere to its principles was begun. This registry is being published as a public indication of the support of the Code by those whose names follow:

Sherrill R. Adams
Steve Albrow
William Allen
Elizabeth Baglivo
Mark Bane
Ann Barber
Joey Baumbach
Charles M. Bauserman
Rachel V. Berg
Rhenell Berreckman
Cheryl Besden
Michael Bina
Bruce Blasch
Don Blasch
Richard V. Bohman
William H. Bryan
Ray Byers
Connie Carter
Kent Carter
Vaughn Coolman

Jim Cordell
Robert J. Crouse
Gary Dechaine
Lori DeQuiue
Jim Doyle
Sid Drumheiser
Robert A. Eisenberg
Helen Elias
Jeanne Fleming
Bill Fluharty
Kathy Foley
Kevin Gamble
Duane R. Geruschat
Philip M. Giers
John Hall
Willis G. Hazard
Jill D. Healey
Susan Herman
Michael E. Herron
Ed Hickey
Bonnie S. Hillsberg
Karin Hirsch
Gayle Hodge
Chuck Huss
Lynn Ivey
Pat Kambic
Margaret Kirk
Terri Kowalski
Sandra Krems
Sandy Kronick
Rona Lazarus
Robert L. Lessne
James S. Liska
Karen Lodd
Linda J. McKinley
Laurie MacWilliam
Sally Metcalfe
Robert Mills
John S. Minor
Ruth Mlotele
Kenneth Morrison
Kathy Morse
Joseph Nye
James Necomer
Kathleen Newman
Kathy O'Mara

Gisele Quellette
Marcia Patten
Ronald Popko
Charles H. Roth, Jr.
Patrick Schwab
Robert Schas
Carol Seidberg
Eileen Siffermann
Monique Signorat
Dick Simms
W. A. Springer
Arline Stephens
Noel Stephens
S. Suterko
Linda B. Tabor-Beck
Kenneth Tapp
Ivan Terzieff
Karen Todd

Emily B. Van Valkenburgh
Larry R. Van Wyngarden
Margaret Von Schneden
Susan Walker
Kent Tyler Wardell
Peter Waterfield
Debbie Wills
Richard L. Welsh
Dawn Werner
Linda Wiener
William Wiener
Cecilia Williams
Ted Williamson
Michael Winer
Steve Wolfe
Daniel Wood
Jim Wood
Martin S. Yablonski

REPORT OF REHABILITATION CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Rehabilitation Teachers Certified by the American Association of
Workers for the Blind: (Full Certification)

<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Date Certified</u>
Ash, Sharon G. Services f/t Blind Phoenix, Ariz.	7-20-77
Ayers, Fred VA Comm. f/t Vis. Hand.	7-20-77
Bauer, Marion Mulberg Center for the Sightless Elyria, Ohio	7-20-77
Beebe, Carolyn O. Maine Institution f/t Blind	7-20-77
Bittner, William Rehabilitation Center Indiana	7-20-77
Callender, Linda State of Louisiana Blind Services Program	7-20-77
Frederking, Dolores S. Carolina Comm. f/t Blind	7-20-77
Green, Kay Clovernook Home and School f/t Blind	7-20-77
Herrin, Phyllis Marie Comm. Services f/t Vis. Handicapped-Chi.	7-20-77
Hewitt, Irene Clovernook Home and School f/t Blind	7-20-77
Hudberg, Sharon Lighthouse f/t Blind Duluth, Minn.	7-20-77

Kahler, Kathleen Tampa Lighthouse f/t Blind	7-20-77
Keith, Carmen G. Services f/t Blind Santa Fe, New Mexico	7-20-77
Kennard, Janet Industrial Home f/t Blind, Brooklyn	7-20-77
Lauria, Linda Del. Bureau f/t Vis. Impaired	7-20-77
McBride, Donald R. Comm. Services f/t Vis. Hand., E. St. Louis, Ill.	7-20-77
McCulloch, Janet L. Comm. Services f/t Vis. Hand., Marion, Ill.	7-20-77
Patterson, Annette C. Arizona Services f/t Blind	7-20-77
Perry, Katherine Vermont Assoc. f/t Blind	7-20-77
Regan, Richard Ill. Comm. Services f/t Vis. Hand., Peoria	7-20-77
Rich, Lana Jo Institute for Human Devel., N. Ariz. Univ.	7-20-77
Sakai, Eunice M. Soc. Serv. f/t Blind, Honolulu	7-20-77
Sommes, Michael Comm. Services f/t Vis. Hand., Chicago	7-20-77
Strauser, Anna L. Va. Comm. f/t Vis. Hand.	7-20-77

Walser, Karen Betty Jane Rehabilitation Center, Tiffin, Ohio	7-20-77
Ware, Charlene Ark. Ent. f/t Blind	7-20-77
Weinrib, Ruth Central Assoc. f/t Blind Utica, N.Y.	7-20-77
Wessel, Verle Community Services f/t Vis. Hand.	7-20-77
Wixom, Sharon Office f/t Vis. Hand. Harrisburg, Penn.	7-20-77

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

1977 AAWB INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Myrtle Garris, Chairman

AAWB is one of two professional organizations in America actively engaged in promoting services to blind persons. It is not difficult to see that much progress is being made in this direction, but we must always assume that AAWB will provide to its members, programs, certifications in various fields and information to those who will take the time to find out what is now being offered.

With twelve (12) different interest groups offering various types of informative programs anyone interested in services to the blind surely may increase his or her knowledge by attending some of these group meetings.

Through the exhibits on display at our convention headquarters much information and knowledge is available through technical aids for visually impaired persons. It is my sincere wish that each of you have visited the exhibit booths in order to be aware of the new techniques that are now offered to AAWB members. Ten (10) or fifteen (15) years ago reading devices for printed materials were practically unheard of.

Other sensory aids were not that well-known either, so we have come a long way through research.

In 1967 AAWB adopted the idea of regionalization. This is one of the greatest steps for AAWB. Many of our members have given generously of their time and efforts in this direction and as a result, we have thirty-one (31) State Chapters and six (6) Regions.

Each Region is diligently working to improve the areas' programs. Within the short span of regionalization, our organization has more than doubled its membership. Of course, some Regions along with State Chapters are doing more than others. However, some progress is being made throughout the country.

The Chairpersons of the State Chapters are, for the most part, becoming alerted to the needs for professional guidance in the States. It is apparent that attitudes among the membership are a little lax when it comes to serving on committees and providing services to the local Chapter. It is my hope that with each regional and national conference, time will be provided for workshops that will involve

State Chapter Chairpersons. With this in mind we should have more viable organization.

The above examples show you what AAWB represents and can do with cooperation. The one place where we are falling short is with our efforts to gain new members. What are we doing in this direction? How can we present ourselves as shining examples of what must be done in order to stimulate interest in the local Chapters?

(1) Chairpersons must delegate more duties through task forces, programming, public relations and workshops in order to involve just as many members as possible in the local organization.

(2) Generate an interest in fund raising for the local Chapter. Without fun raising how will Chapters sponsor the regional conference coming into the States? For example, raffles, entertainment, talent shows and auction sales are a few ways to increase the cash budget.

(3) Choose a very strong Chairperson for the Membership Committee. One who will not mind giving an extra mile or so for this campaign. Offer the committee some type of award, certification, special recognition--think something to stimulate interest. Try to impress on the Membership Chairperson the importance of getting dues at the beginning of each calendar year. Point out the benefits derived for a full year's membership.

(4) The Program Chairperson must be cognizant of the need for

outstanding participation through the program that he or she plans for the Chapter Conference. Also, use other committees such as legislative, awards, resolutions, etc. This should lend strength to the local regional and national membership drive.

For the past two years it has been my pleasure to work as Chairperson of the National Membership Committee. It has been my responsibility to encourage individuals to become members of AAWB. In 1967 we had just above 3,400 members. I regret to report that 1977 has suffered a drop of about 500 members. Why? Not enough emphasis is being given from the local level.

As Chairperson, I have sent out numerous letters throughout America, visited Chapters with problems, worked very closely with States who have asked for my help and also with the National Office. I am proud to see that a great deal of time and emphasis has been given to membership at this conference which is a carry-over from Atlanta in 1975. Perhaps those of you here will go home with renewed interest and purpose and will launch a new drive to keep AAWB growing. It saddens me to see such a loss from 1976 and this can be avoided if each of us will assume the responsibility for two or three new members. When we meet in Oklahoma City in 1979, it will be my ambition to see our organization with even a higher membership than we had in 1976. This is a realistic goal for each of us.

Let's put our shoulder to the wheel and work untiringly toward this end.

AGENCY MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Wesley D. Sprague, Chairman

Thank you Mr. President, and each of you in the audience, and those around the country for answering positively our request this past year for continued agency financial support of the programs and activities of the American Association of Workers for the Blind. Personalized appeals were sent to agencies in our and allied fields expressing past support where evident, and, in addition, the reasons and

schedule for dues payment. I would also like to recognize the considerable assistance given to this effort by Carleater and her staff assistants in the Washington office without whom these results could not have been accomplished.

The following information is submitted reflecting the increased support given by agencies in the last two years:

<u>Calendar Year</u>	<u>Number of Contributing Agencies</u>	<u>Total Contributions</u>	<u>Percent of Increase Over Prior Year</u>	
1975	133	\$11,085		
1976	151	\$14,870	+34%	
1977*	169*	\$16,695	+12%	+50.5%

*Includes projected support of agencies contributing July-December 1976.

Recognizing increased expenses experienced by all of us, AAWB included, and the non-raising of dues by AAWB for many years, it seems self evident that each agency should weigh its past support of AAWB with these factors in mind. Can we who have continuously paid the same amount annually for years, complacently pay similarly this next year? Hopefully, many will see their way clear to increase their financial support of AAWB these next few years. Truthfully, 50-100% increase to an agency represents but a few dollars

increase, but by many agencies increasing their dues correspondingly, many more dollars will become available by which AAWB can continue to expand its educational, support, counseling, and legislative efforts on a national scale.

Again, thank you for your past support, and for your serious consideration of this request to more adequately contribute financially to the work of AAWB.

THE MEMBERSHIP TOTALS OF THE CHAPTERS AND NON-CHAPTERS
FOR 1977

TOTAL: 3,420 Individuals
146 Agencies

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Alabama	101	3
Arizona	79	2
Arkansas	97	2
Northern California	112	3
Southern California	92	2
D. C. Maryland, West Virginia	92	5
Florida	102	3
Georgia	60	2
Great Plains	28	5
Illinois	96	2
Indiana	28	3
Louisiana	56	3
Michigan	120	5
Minnesota	48	2
Mississippi	66	1
Missouri - Kansas	51	5
New England	178	10
New Jersey	80	5
New Mexico	42	2
New York	243	22
North Carolina	112	
Northwest	46	3
Ohio	226	5
Oklahoma	235	5
Pennsylvania - Delaware	252	27
Rocky Mountain	59	2
South Carolina	61	

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Tennessee	74	3
Texas	230	7
Virginia	107	1
Wisconsin	33	3

NON-CHAPTER REPORTS

Hawaii	6	1
Iowa	3	
Kentucky	4	1
Nevada	4	
Canada	43	
Mexico		
Guam		1
Netherlands		
Australia	2	
W. Germany	2	

PRESENTATION OF THE ALFRED ALLEN AWARD

To

C. W. Bledsoe

By

Louis H. Rives, Jr.

Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, this is truly a happy occasion for me. I was pleased and delighted when Warren asked me to make this presentation, for in the twenty-odd years that I have known him, I have come to hold him in deep and sincere affection. I also think it is particularly appropriate that Warren is receiving the Alfred Allen Award because he and Alfred were close friends and associates, and though they fought many philosophical battles, they were both equally dedicated to the welfare and dignity of blind people.

You all know about congenital blindness, but perhaps you didn't know that while Warren has 20/20 vision, he is a congenital worker for the blind. He was born at the Maryland School for the Blind where his father, who was himself an outstanding leader in the education of the blind, was serving as superintendent. Most of Warren's life has been spent in close association with blind people and this has given him an almost unique understanding and empathy for their problems.

Warren graduated from Princeton University, did graduate work at Johns Hopkins, and took the famous Harvard course at the Perkins School for the Blind. He then took time out to write a

novel which had nothing to do with blindness and which sold quite well. After he proved he could do this, he went back to his true love--work for the blind--and taught at the Maryland School for the Blind until he was drafted in World War II. But even when he was in the service, he got back into work for the blind and played an important role in setting up the program for blinded military personnel at Valley Forge and at Avon Farms.

After World War II, he joined the staff of the American Foundation for the Blind, where he served as editor of the New Outlook. He then joined the staff of the Veteran's Administration, where he was in charge of the Blind Rehabilitation Service for all veterans.

In 1958, Warren joined me as assistant chief of the Office for the Blind in the Vocational Rehabilitation Administration, where we spent many exciting years working together under the leadership of Mary Switzer.

He retired a few months ago, and is now doing what he likes best--writing about blindness. If Warren had not gone into work for the blind, he would have been a history teacher or an English teacher and he uses both

his sense of history and his skill with the English language (incidentally, he can also write off-color poetry) advancing our knowledge about blindness. Not only is he a student of the past, he is also a chronicler of the present. He knows the importance of writing down what we know and what we do so that it will not be lost or forgotten. He is an advocate, through the written word, for all blind people. He is what Father Carroll, who was a great admirer of Warren, termed a true typhlogologist--a true student of blindness.

In addition to his writing skills and his knowledge of the past, Warren has a special aware-

ness and understanding of the problems of blindness, of its limitations and of what to do about it. He is a master at teaching blind persons how to manage their blindness and he knows when to help and when not to help. He has a keen appreciation for the individual worth and dignity of every blind person and he communicates this appreciation with sensitivity and respect.

Charles Warren Bledsoe, it is my privilege to present you this Alfred Allen Award for your outstanding services to blind people.



C. Warren Bledsoe recipient of the Alfred Allen Award

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH FOR THE ALFRED ALLEN AWARD

C. Warren Bledsoe

Mr. President, Honored Guests
of AAWB and Fellow Members of
the Association:

I am very much honored to take my place among those who have been given the Alfred Allen Award before me. And I would like to read their names: Marian Held in 1958, Sadie Jacobs in 1959, Eleanor Ingram in 1960, May Escher in 1961, Annie B. Johnson in 1962, Victoria Hackett in 1963, Ruth Darnell in 1964, Sophie Forward in 1965, Howard M. Liechty in 1966, Jennie M. Beck in 1967, Elizabeth Rush in 1968, Mrs. Sidney Pollock in 1969, O. F. Wise in 1971, Nick Williams in 1973, and Don Hathaway in 1975. This is a blessed company of faithful people.

As Lou Rives has told you, Alfred himself was a very dear and loyal friend of mine--the kind of friend who did not hesitate to tell you when he thought you were wrong or about to make a false step. I have never ceased to be grateful to him because 30 years ago he advised me not to take a bill of goods his employer was trying to sell my employer, Uncle Sam, when I had first gone to Washington in 1947. Alfred had discovered the product had flaws and Alfred did not hesitate to say so. Alfred was the doer of many such deeds--the kind of thing which infuriated his superiors, but left them in the end unwilling to part with him and his rocky integrity. I

always thought he had a Roundhead quality about him. He even looked as though he might have been one of Oliver Cromwell's captains. There was no long-haired Cavalier stuff about him. He was squarely built like a fireplug. His title, Secretary-General of the AAWB, had a Roundhead ring. The son of a Methodist minister, he had great faith in what he referred to reverently as his "Maker." During World War I he was in the British navy and his ship was torpedoed, leaving him in the water for many hours. When asked what he thought of in such circumstances, he said, "I talked with my Maker."

After the War he became an accountant, but was not satisfied with a business career, set off around the World, stopped in the United States at the Hadley School, and thereafter took a large part in making it an effective agency. It was in 1939 he was elected Secretary-General of the AAWB, which corresponded to the Executive-Directorship of the present organization. In 1944 Robert Irwin worked out a special arrangement whereby this position had its base at the American Foundation for the Blind and Alfred became a member of the Foundation staff. This gave a unique scope to a talent he had for service, for friendship, and for keeping friends and foes alike in line. I have a picture of him in those days as a kind of prosecuting attorney in behalf

of honest practice in work for the blind. The breadth of his acquaintance was enormous and he could always match a name, a face, and the achievements or misdemeanors which went with each. His face was invariably wreathed in one of his rare smiles when he said, "They say I like a fight." He did indeed, always fighting fairly and openly and with well hammered out principles. When he rumbled out an indictment of vanity philanthropy, he looked particularly like an old puritan. And the wording had the ring which brought to mind that John Milton was secretary to Cromwell's commonwealth. Like Milton, Alfred was forever trying to put together the scattered body of truth.

Though basically austere, he had a great sense of humor and was a superb raconteur relating his various tiffs. There were numerous sages which he could be prevailed on to relate. One had to do with his visit to Africa with Helen Keller and Polly Thompson. Another had for its anti-hero a British war-blinded veteran who though an amputee was such a monumental rascalion that he earned everyone's reverse respect. Wheedling his way into the good graces of a widow in Georgia, he persuaded her to import him and in due course became an international problem of considerable magnitude. Lord Fraser finally saddled Alfred with the burden of shipping this scamp back to England, which Alfred did without the slightest compunction.

It is to be hoped that somewhere in the Foundation files there are many letters which

crossed the Atlantic beginning "Dear Alfred" and "Dear Ian."

The fervor of Alfred's explicitness is not easy to reconstruct, but I am going to try in one very typical scenario of no heroic proportions, but touchingly characteristic.

One day when I was working at the Foundation, I met Alfred in the hall and he greeted me by saying, "I was assaulted physically this morning."

I said, "You were?"

He said, "Yes, and by a woman."

I said, "Why did she assault you?"

He said, "I was sitting on the long seat in the subway. She entered the car, sat down beside me and then gave me a shove. I gave her a shove. She said, 'What are you doing?' I said, 'I can't help it, Madam, if you're a little bit portly.' Then she began to flail me in the face, knocked off my glasses."

"Well, Alfred," I said, "What happened next?"

Alfred said, "I told her, Madam, I can't see without my glasses, pick them up."

I said, "Did she?"

He said, "Certainly she did," and marched off.

I am not at all sure I deserve to receive an award named for such a man, but in any case I value it.

The joy of these occasions is

having an opportunity to thank people publicly for making life good for you. I want to mention first my little family--my wife, Anne, my daughters, Hester Anne and Ginny Patterson. They are not here not because we are estranged but because of the damnable expense. In any case I always feel they are with me in spirit. I don't think any man ever had better support at home for a career in work with the blind. They curse the villains and cheer the heroes, but privately. They seldom, if ever, put a foot wrong. There was a tense moment when Hester Anne at the age of six proposed to Father Carroll, and he accepted her. But she let him off the hook when she discovered he worked for God and lived in Boston. My girls, right-thinking with respect to work for the blind, will come to light when I tell you that at a very early age Ginny Patterson began to pray nightly for Miss Switzer, Miss Diamond, and all their pets and friends. So a lot of the people in this room were prayed for regularly in my house.

Living in this field for 65 years, I have accumulated a large debt of kindness and understanding. I owe no one more than I do Lou Rives. In 1957 I was a sort of typhlo-football punted from the Veteran's Administration down the field to Miss Switzer's zone. It was lucky for me indeed that I landed in the adroit hands of Lou Rives. Thereby began some of the most exciting dialogue and action of my life. Mary Switzer wrote the truth on a picture she autographed saying Lou was "one of her best." Ever since then his wisdom has lessened the

perils of my life, his wit and humor has sweetened the gall. The first week I worked for him when we were lunching in the cafeteria I dropped an entire piece of blueberry pie against the pant leg of an immaculate gray palm beach suit he was wearing. He had the unruffled poise of a pope and says now he doesn't remember the episode.

If I have more hope for Uncle Sam's government than many people have, it is because it provided the framework to spend certain extremely happy years in a simple chain of authority up to Mary Switzer, through Lou Rives and Joe Hunt, associated with George Magers. These people administered the law in a way which came close to an impossible ideal. Later it was an excruciating ordeal to serve under the great heaviness which settled down on DHEW after Mary Switzer retired. I had nothing but admiration for Doug MacFarland's long steadfastness in those adverse circumstances and subscribe fully to everything Lou Rives said about it last night. Eventually it became a situation so deadly that Doug felt he had to keep everything in his hat and hip pocket. I have no doubt he was right, and he won through that way. I felt powerless to help him except by such things as putting his speeches into braille. It was a heart-breaking contrast to the working conditions of the 50's and early 60's, which were a kind of golden age, as Frances Koestler pointed out in her excellent book.

In any case, I have had more than my share of vocational joy,

such as the period in the Army Medical Corps when I worked with Dick Hoover and the period when I worked in the Veteran's Administration with Russ Williams and General Hawley. Memories of those days have kept me heartened about Uncle Sam's government and constitution, even during the most discouraging reorganization or reorganization of reorganization.

In addition to faith in, and affection for, Uncle Sam's government, I have faith in what some people call the blindness system, but which I call work for the blind. Every year I have been increasingly aware that I was lucky to be born into a field so bountifully peopled with great commoners, emotional aristocrats, salt of the earth people, and even a few saints. If I should win my way to heaven and not find such people as Russ Williams, Kay Gruber, the original group of Hines Mobility instructors, Gene Apple, Don Blasch, Lou Rives, Miss Switzer, and Miss Diamond, I think I would want to back out.

Finally I would like to mention my parents and their generation of workers for the blind. These included Miss Bertie Martien, the kindergarten teacher at the Maryland School for the Blind who told the 1920 Convention of the AAWB that children teach themselves. Though I did not know it at the time, I was born into a bright and hopeful new educational experiment, the Maryland School for the Blind, freshly reorganized and rebuilt, transformed from a congregate school to the first all-cottage-family plan school for the blind

in the world. Over this the guiding spirit was my father. The person in this generation who most resembles him in personality is Russell Williams. But he also had a lot of Lou Rives in him too. People wanted to do what he wanted them to do instinctively. He was a born peacemaker. It was the pride and joy of my parents to show the Maryland School for the Blind to everyone in the world. They did it by inviting interested colleagues to come and stay in their house indefinitely and encouraging them to wander about the school at will. My father's only admonition was that the guests come and tell him what they thought was wrong with the school first. Both my parents were averse to academic jargon about blindness. My mother had a way of damping it down by saying, "If you lived with blind people, you would find they are very human." She was as round as the sun by the time I came on the scene and as warm. Had the people in this room been alive in her time, a goodly percentage of them would have eaten sponge cakes at her table. During her widowhood Alfred Allen was one of her last guests. I think the only person here who remembers those days is Dr. Lowenfeld.

I was lucky in having parents who were human beings and glad of it. They married as a young widow and widower rebuilding their lives. They did a lot of good things in the ensuing three decades. They welcomed many troubled people into their house in those years, but the spirit of the house was never swamped by it.

As Lou Rives has told you I had a novel published 35 years ago. As is not true of all books, it has been a friend to the author and has in fact brought me some friends. The blurbs on its jacket quoted me saying that I wanted to write a book a year for the rest of my life. But the same social holocaust which brought Dr. Lowenfeld to our shores propelled me into the War Blind Service and showed me there are some more important things in life than doing what you want to do. From that time on the creative energy which would have gone into writing fiction has gone into life in work for the blind. It is not secret that for me writing fiction can be a very beguiling preoccupation. The characters take on a life of their own, become a part of your own life. But I have slowly realized there is equal fascination playing for keeps with real characters at such enterprises as activating the Hines Center.

However, in the last year by trial and error I have been shown I don't belong in the front lines of such work any more. And it is possible God is now going to give

me time to descend into my cellar writing room and conjure up some imaginary playmates. If so, I am sure they will be far better and more real for my 35-year sojourn among such people as those in this room.

I am deeply moved by the recognition shown me at this convention. I was shocked at first at the idea of a C. Warren Bledsoe Publications Award and said some rather disagreeable things thinking that the best way of putting it to rest. But vanity takes hold easily. Though I attempted to abort the idea it gave me enormous pleasure that it should go to Frances Koestler and Berthold Lowenfeld. I take this as an indication that the award is born with 20/20 eyes.

Though I am retired, I want to stay on as your chairman of the History and Memorial Committee. I still want to do some writing about work for the blind. And when I do, I would put new effort into being exact about dates and numbers.

PRESENTATION OF THE JOHN H. MCAULAY AWARD

To

Robert Prause

By

Harold Richterman

Ladies and Gentlemen . . .

It is with a feeling of great personal honor that I stand here today to present to you the recipient of the John H. McAulay Award as the placement man of the year.

Robert Prause of the Helen Keller National Center for Deaf/ Blind Youths and Adults represents what can be done and even more important, what is being done in the placement of blind and deaf/ blind persons throughout the United States. For many of you in this audience, the selection of Bob Prause for this honor will come as little surprise as he has worked with you in your home state and in your home area assisting you in the placement of deaf/blind persons returned to you after the completion of rehabilitation services at the Helen Keller National Center.

Bob, 40 years old, is a native of Cornwall, New York. After being blinded in an automobile accident in May of 1958 and as a client of the New York State Commission for the Blind, he was provided with rehabilitation services by the Association for the Blind of Western New York in Buffalo, New York. He then attended college under the sponsorship of the Commission

and received his B.S. in business management in 1963. He continued his education at New York University and received his M.B.A. in business administration with a major in industrial relations. He completed this two year masters program in one year.

After the completion of his formal education, his first job was as the manager of a temporary office help business where he came to the serious attention of the Industrial Home for the Blind in Brooklyn, New York. He joined the I.H.B. as a Placement Specialist in 1966. Shortly thereafter, he had the opportunity to participate in a short term training program for placement specialists at the University of Southern Illinois in Carbondale.

From 1966 until 1971 he worked for the I.H.B. and compiled an enviable record as a Placement Specialist. He found his business and industrial relations background of inestimable value in dealing with businessmen and industrialists in the placing of blind persons as he told me, "I spoke their language!" What he missed in rehabilitation, he more than made up with his practical business background.

At the height of a successful career at the I.H.B., he was asked to transfer to the National Center for Deaf/Blind Youths and Adults. He brought with him the same interest, motivation, and intensity of purpose that marked his performance at the I.H.B. He applied this and more to the exclusive placement of deaf/blind persons. The challenge of this position was of such scope that it had never before been attempted on such a large scale.

Since 1971 he has been assigned the exclusive responsibility for the placement of those deaf/blind persons ready for such placement. In addition, he has assisted counselors throughout the country in their efforts to place deaf/blind men and women in competitive occupations.

1. He has assisted and/or taken the lead in the placement of deaf/blind persons in 35 different states.
2. He has placed 89% of all deaf/blind persons who completed their work at the National Center and were ready for competitive placement and only three such persons are now awaiting placement--one of whom was just recently assigned to him.

In addition to the above, he has assisted in the temporary placement of deaf/blind persons into special workshops while awaiting or being prepared for competitive occupations.

Bob came to the I.H.B. in March of 1966 and in August of '66 he placed his first two deaf/blind

persons in competitive employment and as of this date, both are still at work.

Some of the jobs that deaf/blind persons, whom Bob placed, are doing are:

1. Running single and multiple drill press in Cessna aircraft.
2. Eviscerating chickens in a chicken processing plant.
3. Quality control person on metal parts.
4. Hospital laundry worker.
5. Internal and external mail delivery person.
6. Electrical assembly worker.

Bob, on behalf of the AAWB and the Awards Committee, as someone who worked with you closely for many years, I especially know not only of your dedication, but more importantly of your success in this most difficult of all jobs. I present to you the John H. McAulay Award for your success, determination, and conscientiousness in the placing of blind and deaf/blind persons. You stand alone above all in taking on and in succeeding in this most difficult of all assignments.



Robert Prause (left) Harold Richterman (right)

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH FOR THE JOHN MCAULAY AWARD

Robert J. Prause

Thank you, Ric, ladies and gentlemen. I am deeply honored to have been chosen to receive this coveted award.

Upon entry into the field of placement and rehabilitation eleven years ago, I knew nothing of the former and little of the latter. It was not long after my entry into the field that I realized I had the support, encouragement, advice and guidance of many individuals. There are some who have helped me a great deal and I would like to publicly mention them in the order in which I met them.

I would first like to thank Mr. Harry J. Spar, Director of Helen Keller National Center for Deaf/Blind Youths and Adults. It was Mr. Spar who gave me a great deal of guidance and counseling when I was a student in under-graduate and graduate schools. It was also he who hired me, eleven years ago, as the Placement Specialist for The Industrial Home for the Blind. Finally, Mr. Spar, by transferring me to Helen Keller National Center allowed me to continue my work in placement of deaf/blind individuals.

Ric, I want to thank you, because as my first supervisor, you introduced me not only to the reality of placement, but to the field of rehabilitation. You made me learn quickly what placement was all about when you told me "a Placement Specialist needs only a desk and a telephone and no chair." I soon learned that

meant I was not doing my job if you saw me around the office too often. I sincerely appreciate the trust you had in me by giving me the freedom to come and go as necessary when I was a Placement Specialist for the Industrial Home for the Blind. This trust gave me confidence and made me feel comfortable with the agency. You yelled quite frequently, but I soon learned your bark was bigger than your bite. I also learned that there were many valuable messages sent through that bark.

Another fellow who is not only a colleague, but a dear personal friend, is Frank Romano, Director of Rehabilitation at the Industrial Home for the Blind. I owe a special thanks to Frank because he nominated me for this coveted award. It was Frank who added to my learning of the Rehabilitation process. As an instructor at the Industrial Home for the Blind Rehabilitation Center, he taught me what work abilities skills are and how they could be transferred to an actual job situation after I did the job analysis. As a Counselor, he taught me the relationship between Counselor and Placement Specialist. I really think it was at this point that we became friends, although I don't know how because there was a lot of heated dialogue.

Dr. Robert J. Smithdas helped me select the first deaf/blind person for placement. He taught me the manual alphabet, has given me a great deal of advice and I

am happy to be a colleague of his at Helen Keller National Center where we constantly discuss problems of deaf/blind persons as well as those deaf/blind persons being referred for placement.

There is a man with us today, who in my opinion, knows more about deaf/blind people than anyone else in the United States. He is the Assistant Director of Helen Keller National Center, Mr. Louis J. Bettica, who up until recently, was my Supervisor at Helen Keller National Center, and has continued the trust that Ric had in me and let me come and go as necessary in my efforts to place deaf/blind individuals.

Lou, I appreciate the open door policy that you maintained with me and your total involvement with the selection process and the overall support you never failed to give me.

Finally, I would like to thank Dr. Peter J. Salmon whom I met many years ago, Founder and Administrative Vice President of Helen Keller National Center, for having me as a member of his team. He himself serves as an inspiration to all of us in work for the deaf/blind and blind. Being a member of Dr. Salmon's team inspires me especially in wanting to continue my work in placement of deaf/blind persons.

Each one of these gentlemen has given me advice, guidance encouragement and support. I will continue to need assistance and I will continue to ask for assistance.

I would be remiss if I failed to mention my colleagues at Helen

Keller National Center. As you know, placement is a team effort. Though a Placement Specialist is often by himself in a prospective employer's office, the information he is disseminating was made available to him through the hard work and dedication of the Rehabilitation team at Helen Keller National Center.

Ladies and gentlemen, if I were to point to the things that happened which brought me to this honored position today, I would have to say:

1. My colleagues and supervisors who gave of their time to teach me, sympathize with me and help me.
2. The freedom with which I was able to work to do what had to be done, when it had to be done, where it had to be done, and how it had to be done.
3. The encouragement of all my supervisors over the years, which allowed me to experiment, to try and also to fail without fear.

And finally, the faith and confidence which those blind and deaf/blind persons had in me and their cooperation, patience, and application which made for their success and as a result for my success.

Ric, I would like to thank you again, and I would like to thank the Awards Committee for selecting me as recipient of the John H. McAulay Award. I accept this award with great humility. Though my name appears on the award, I accept it in the name of all those who are dedicated to the work in making Helen Keller's dream come true.

PRESENTATION OF THE PAST PRESIDENTS' AWARD

To

The Pennsylvania Delaware Chapter

By

Cleo B. Dolan

In reading over the nominations for the Past Presidents' award, namely for the AAWB chapter that has made the greatest contribution to its members, to the association, and achievements in general, there was no question in the committee's mind relative to which chapter should be selected for the 1976 accomplishments. Let us cite a few examples and it is our belief that all of you will concur with the committee's decision:

I. GENERAL INFORMATION: In 1976 the Penn Delaware Chapter had 328 individual members and 38 agency memberships. From their membership a large percentage were involved in serving on some active committee of the chapter and no individual served on more than one committee to stimulate greater involvement and interest in their work.

II. FEDERAL GRANT TO STUDY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE SERVICES, OTHER THAN VENDING STANDS: It is believed that the Penn Delaware Chapter is the only such group in the history of AAWB that has received a federal grant on a project basis. Their grant of \$4,000. on a 90-10 matching basis was for the purpose of reviewing employment situations for blind persons other than business enterprise services.

III. ACTIVE COMMITTEE IN THE PENN DELAWARE CHAPTER: The Penn Delaware Chapter activated the following committees:

A. Rehabilitation Teaching

B. Orientation and Mobility

C. Social Service--This group reviewed Title XX Services in Pennsylvania and made significant recommendations that were later implemented for many of the grants in their state.

D. Children's Services--This group is working on developing resource material for those working with visually impaired children and their parents in the Penn Delaware area.

IV. OTHER ACTIVITIES:

A. Established a Consumer Provider Council on a state-wide basis, and six regional councils.

B. The chapter formed a joint committee for improved services for the blind. This was the basis for the development of the Consumer Provider Council.

C. Over one-third of the individual members of the chapter were registered and participated in a three day annual conference.

V. CONCLUSION: Again, in behalf of the Past Presidents' Association and the AAWB membership, we have

the privilege of presenting this award to the Penn Delaware Chapter with LeRoy Bettwy representing this Chapter today. Again, our congratulations for the exemplary and outstanding

active group and a great contribution to the field, not only for those working with visually handicapped persons in the Penn Delaware area, but nation-wide.



Leroy Bettwy (left) Cleo B. Dolan (right)

ACCEPTANCE OF THE PAST PRESIDENTS' AWARD

Leroy J. Bettwy, President
Penn Delaware Chapter

On behalf of the 356 members of the Pennsylvania Delaware Chapter of the American Association of Workers for the Blind, it is truly a great honor and pleasure to accept the Past President's Award. Since receiving its Charter in July of 1968, the Penn Delaware Chapter has strived to provide meaningful experiences for its members. In order to do this, you, of course, must have a well organized, smooth running organization. To establish such an organization you need competent, qualified individuals who are willing to devote their time and energies and even money to such an organization. We were very fortunate to have such an individual lead us during this most difficult time and it was through her efforts and the efforts of the first Board of Directors that a very strong foundation was laid. This foundation has enabled us to establish financial security which consequently permits us to present to our members a diversity of program. I am therefore, pleased to publicly recognize the efforts but forth by the first president of Penn Delaware, Mrs. Mary K. Bauman. I feel certain that Mrs. Bauman will use these very same talents in helping National achieve its objectives.

In addition to the excellent leadership we have received from each of the five presidents of Penn Delaware, we have had outstanding cooperation on the part of our members. Their desire to

learn and to improve the quality of services for the blind and visually impaired in the states of Pennsylvania and Delaware is most outstanding. Their efforts and concerns certainly make the task of the officers and Board members easier.

Special recognition needs to be given to John Horst for his tireless efforts particularly during 1975 and 1976 when he was President of Penn Delaware. It was during this time period that the activities occurred for which Penn Delaware is receiving this award. John's devotion to the purposes of AAWB sets an example we should all strive to achieve.

Penn Delaware has never shied away from a challenge or an issue either on the local, state, or National level. We challenge each of you individually and as Chapters to not shy away from similar issues. By dealing with these challenges you will effect the proper type of services for your clients. Penn Delaware will continue to face the crisis and the challenge before us.

Thank you.

PRESENTATION OF THE AMBROSE M. SHOTWELL AWARD

HONORING

Dr. Douglas C. MacFarland

By

Louis H. Rives, Jr.

President Roberts, Marjorie, Holly, Doug, Jr., guests and fellow members of the American Association of Workers for the Blind. When Hank Roberts asked me to make this presentation tonight honoring Dr. MacFarland, I was deeply honored. My only reservation was as to my own ability to muster the eloquence adequately to portray the man himself, his accomplishments, his contributions, his courage, and to inspire those who may hear or read these words to keep alive and to build upon the principles and ideals for which he stood. For Douglas C. MacFarland was quite a man.

I have known Doug MacFarland since 1944. I have known him as a true professional in our field, as a thoughtful and thorough analyst, as a leader whom people wanted to follow and, perhaps most precious to me, as a dear and warm personal friend whose loss I shall feel for a long time to come.

There were many qualities which made Doug a great man. One of them was his belief that if something is worth doing, it should be done to the best of your ability. This belief permeated everything that he did. For example, in his professional career, as a counselor with the

New Jersey Commission for the Blind, he was not satisfied with his own knowledge about how the job should be done, so he increased his knowledge by earning his Master's degree in counseling, which in those days was quite unusual in our field. This just whetted his appetite, so he studied for and received a Doctor's degree in rehabilitation counseling from New York University. His doctoral dissertation on placement of blind persons is still one of the key documents in the area of placement of the blind.

Another attribute of Doug's was his great zest for living. Whatever he did, he did wholeheartedly and with flair. When he worked, he did it with concentration and purpose. When he played, he had the capacity for putting aside the problems of the day and enjoying every situation to the fullest, thereby refreshing himself for the tasks which lay ahead. He had a tremendous diversity of interests. He liked good food, good wine and an occasional touch of J&B Scotch. He also liked to hike in the woods, to read, to play bridge and to discuss almost any subject, so long as there was the opportunity for a stimulating exchange of ideas. He was a keen student of politics, economics

and history. All of these interests and the zest with which he pursued them, gave balance and perspective to his thinking and decisions which are unique among leaders in our field.

Another aspect of Doug's life which was of major importance to him was his love for his family. He gave strength to them and he drew strength from them. Regardless of the pressures of work, he would find time to go on a hike with Doug, Jr., to go with Holly to look for bird's nests, to take Marjorie to dinner, to take the whole family for a weekend at the shore. They had a wonderful relationship based on shared love, understanding and respect.

Although he never talked much about it, Doug had a deep religious sense. He participated fully in his church and despite his heavy schedule, taught Sunday School class. He also actively participated in community affairs and was frequently called upon to help solve the problems which beset all communities.

Perhaps the thing about Doug which in the long run will be of the greatest significance and will have the most profound influence on work for the blind, was his own personal philosophy about blindness and of the needs of blind persons. He believed, and I think with irrefutable logic, that blindness is a severe disability. He believed that to overcome this disability, each blind person is entitled to receive the full range of educational, remedial and rehabilitation services designed to meet that

individual's specific needs, provided by competent, trained and understanding staff. He believed sincerely that most blind people can overcome the handicap of blindness but that to do so, most of us who are blind will require help along the way. He had no time for those who would attempt to delude blind persons by advancing the philosophy that blindness is merely an inconvenience, that blind persons have no responsibility to adapt or to learn to manage their blindness and that it is the responsibility of the sighted public to make whatever changes are necessary to assure success to blind people; for he knew full well that there are only two ways in which blindness can be removed as a handicap in the total life situation--one is to restore the sight of all blind persons and the other is to pluck out the eyes of the rest of the world. He knew that neither of these objectives can be achieved. He, therefore, dedicated his entire professional career to the improvement of quality services to blind people.

He was an ardent advocate of practical research to minimize the problems of blindness and to finding new and better solutions. He was also an ardent advocate of translating the knowledge gained through research and experience into practical training for all of the disciplines involved in the total rehabilitation process. He also recognized the importance of educating the public to the true facts about blindness and about what blind people can accomplish and of exploding the myths and prejudices about blindness which have grown up

over the years. He believed strongly that in order to assure a high quality of services to all blind people, the field of work for the blind must set standards which all agencies must meet. He believed that these standards should be constantly strengthened and that they should be applied impartially and objectively. This is why he was a strong supporter of the National Accreditation Council of Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped. He was not only a supporter of NAC, he was also a constructive critic and played an important role in strengthening and upgrading NAC as a mechanism for improving services to blind people.

He was also a strong believer in the right of blind persons to participate in the formulation of policies and in the making of decisions affecting their lives. He advocated consumer input at all levels of administration, but he knew the difference between input for all consumers and attempts to control by one specific group. He put the interests of all blind people above the interests of a minority which seeks either to control the service delivery system for its own purposes or to destroy that system. Despite the friction among organizations of and for the blind, Doug constantly sought to reach consensus so that we might stand together for things that will help blind people and, in this endeavor, he had considerable success. The present amendments to the Randolph-Sheppard Act, which can provide many new employment opportunities for blind persons, was passed because, after long negotiations,

consensus among the organizations of and for the blind, the national administration in Washington, and congressional leaders was achieved. The catalyst in bringing about this consensus was Douglas MacFarland.

Throughout his career, Doug was always a leader. All of us in AAWB know this firsthand. He served twice as president of this organization. You elected him first as president in 1964, based on his record of achievement as director of the Virginia Commission for the Blind. He did not complete that term because he suffered a heart attack in 1965. In 1967, this organization was confronted with many problems and we all recognized that we needed the best leadership we could get. You drafted Doug MacFarland to serve again as your president. He didn't need the honor and he certainly didn't need the extra work entailed by this position, but since you needed him, he answered the challenge and again contributed toward strengthening our organization.

As head of the Office for the Blind and Visually Handicapped, in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, which post he held from 1964 until his death, he again demonstrated his leadership capacity. This was recognized not only by awards from the Department, but by the American Foundation for the Blind, which presented Doug its highest honor, the Migel Medal, for his services to the nation's blind citizens. Doug was not only recognized as a leader in the United States, but also throughout the world. He gave unstintingly of his time and

knowledge to help build programs to meet the needs of blind people in at least a dozen developing countries. He is one of the few Americans to receive the Medal of the Order of the Republic from Tunisia for his services to the blind citizens of that nation.

There are many more things that I could tell about Doug, but I want to mention only two more: one is his willingness to help. Every head of any agency for the blind in this country knew that they could turn to Doug when they had problems and he would marshal all the resources and intellect at his command to help them solve their problems in the best interests of blind people. The other quality which I want to mention is steadfastness. During the last few years, Doug served under a hostile commissioner, who admittedly took his direction and advice from the National Federation of the Blind. At every turn, Doug was harassed and attempts were made to thwart his plans and ideas for constantly strengthening services to blind people. But he did not give up and he did not quit. He stood like a rock for what he believed in. I know that he was offered another job in an academic setting, which would have paid him just as much money and with a lot fewer headaches, but he knew that if he left, his replacement would destroy the system of services to blind people which for so many decades we have worked to build and strengthen. Let me give you just one example, which should be particularly meaningful to our organization: the Rehabilitation Services Administration issued guidelines which required that mobility instructors be qualified

through training and have sufficient vision to assure the safety of blind trainees. The NFB registered objections to this requirement. The commissioner ordered Doug to change these requirements. Doug refused to do so because he believed that the requirements were sound. Had Doug not been steadfast, we would have no standards for mobility today.

Because I knew Doug so well, I know that there are some special recognitions that he would have liked to make if he were here. I know that he would say that his achievements were possible only by the cooperation and help and advice of many people. I just want to mention a few of them: first and most important, is Marjorie MacFarland. I know how much she meant to Doug and how much she helped him, not only with her love and understanding, but with her willingness to help when reading needed to be done, when things needed to be looked at with the eyes, when planes had to be met, and when unexpected guests had to be invited to dinner.

Doug would also want to mention Bill Coppage, who was his assistant in Virginia and a close friend and advisor during the years in Washington. George Magers, Henry Seward and Warren Bledsoe, who worked closely with him during the entire time that he served as head of the Department for the Blind of HEW. And Lorraine Phillips, who served as his secretary and upon whom he could count for accuracy, loyalty and cooperation far beyond the call of duty.

Marjorie, in a couple of minutes
I am going to present to you the
tangible evidences of this

Shotwell Memorial Award. The
first is the scroll, which reads
as follows:

The American Association of Workers for the Blind, Inc.

Dr. Douglas C. MacFarland

A distinguished administrator, scholar and humanitarian who used his considerable talents in a determined fight to improve the condition of blind people in the United States and throughout the world, and a tireless champion of the dignity and worth of each blind individual and of their right to receive the highest quality of services. In grateful recognition of the legacy of accomplishment, inspiration and courage left to all of us by this outstanding public servant and leader in work for the blind, we present the

Ambrose M. Shotwell Award

in the city of Portland, Oregon, on this nineteenth day
of July, in the year of Our Lord 1977.

Harold Roberts
President

Bruce Blasch
Executive Director

The other tangible evidence of
this award is the Distinguished
Service Medal, but I think more
important than the scroll and the
medal is the pledge that we all
take here to stand firm in building
upon and in advancing the
principles for which Douglas

MacFarland stood, so that every
blind person, not only in the
United States but throughout the
world, will have the opportunity
for a richer life because Douglas
MacFarland lived.



Mrs. Marjorie Macfarland and Louis Rives

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AMBROSE M. SHOTWELL AWARD

Marjorie MacFarland for
Douglas C. MacFarland

First I'd like to thank all of you who have written and sent flowers or contributions since Doug's death. The knowledge of others' sympathy has helped to sustain and comfort the entire family. Time has not been adequate for me to communicate with every one of you, but I hope before the summer is over to be able to write and tell each of you how much I appreciate your concern and your continued friendship.

Those of you who knew Doug well will know that he would not care to have anyone else speak for him, least of all, perhaps, a member of his immediate family. For this reason I have appended in the written proceedings an excerpt from Doug's acceptance of the Migel Award from the American Foundation for the Blind in October 1975. Probably he would have said somewhat the same thing in accepting the Shotwell Memorial Award, but if you will bear with me there are a few words of my own I'd like to add.

You will note how much credit Doug gave to the many people who influenced him in his career and to the fact that he was essentially a boy from a poor neighborhood who was very, very fortunate in the "breaks" which fate handed him. He never forgot his background or failed to be thankful for how far he had come, and he felt he owed an obligation to society in return for all that had been done for him.

There was another side of Doug of which everyone around him was acutely conscious. In trying to explain this aspect, I should begin by telling those of you who don't know me that I am a music teacher--not a piano or voice or violin teacher, but a teacher of general music in the public schools of Fairfax County, Virginia, grades kindergarten through sixth. Prior to this job I taught music to children even younger, of nursery school age.

For very young children the main prerequisite of a music teacher is a large repertoire of simple songs on many subjects, so that if a child brings in a frog the teacher can build her lesson around frogs, or if another child loses a tooth she can whip out a song about the tooth fairy to bring the attention of the class back to her planned lesson. After six years of teaching three- and four-year-olds I became so adept at this that any subject would tick off a song, and the family nearly went crazy hearing simple little ditties all day long.

Once, though, I was really at a loss to come up with a song to fit the occasion. I had just started teaching in grade school when one day I went into a particularly cluttered classroom of unusually small first graders. They were so small they seemed hardly to reach my knees and, due to the clutter of playthings

all over, the record player had to be placed with the cord reaching across a wide open space. I put on the record for the first song, turned around to the class, tripped over the cord, and almost crushed one of the little people as I crashed to the floor. When I hastily picked myself up, honestly, the only song which came into my mind was one about an elephant.

All this is leading up to the fact that when I think of Doug in relation to his life's work, naturally I think of a song! There is really some justification to this, for he asked me about eight months ago to buy a record and then proceeded to play it over and over the last few months of his life. The record was of Frank Sinatra singing, "I Did It My Way." You all know it, and if you think of some of the words you'll see how appropriate they are to Doug. Not that Doug didn't consult people, but he seemed to take other people's ideas, put them through some sort of giant maw he had in his head, and when those ideas came out again they had the stamp of his own individuality on them.

Several times Doug came home from the office and passed on the comment of one person or another that ours was a perfect marriage. We were always much amused, because we knew our marriage was in a constant state of flux; not static, as the word "perfection" seems to imply, but more like a détente in which each area of influence has been carefully hammered out, either at the conference table or on the battlefield. We were two strong-willed people, both over-

endowed with what psychologists call "motivation." Living in such a marriage is not easy, but it is also seldom dull.

Perhaps this was why Doug decided, unilaterally, very early in our marriage that I would not work with the blind. I took that to mean that my role to him was to provide a relief from his work, other subjects to think about, and an occasional comment from an unbiased layman's viewpoint. This is what I have tried to provide over the years.

My job as his wife involved another duty, however, which came to be one of my chief joys--that of serving as hostess to Doug's friends and business associates. I won't embarrass those of you who are here, but as I think back over the years there are so many wonderful people I have been privileged to know.

How many of you remember Hiram Chappell? He worked for the Office for the Blind in the 1950's, and at one point shortly after Holly was born he came to Richmond on an agricultural consultation and stayed with us in our home. He asked for oatmeal for breakfast, and he lingered half an hour or so over the table while I fed one of the children telling me stories about his early work experiences traveling around by bus in the backwoods of Oregon tuning pianos. This would probably have been in the early 1930's, when cars were not very dependable, and his tales involved unbelievable mud in the rainy season, buses stuck for one reason or another, clients not at home when he had come 25 miles by appointment, small hotels

closed while the proprietor took a vacation, and pianos in unbelievable states of deterioration. Several years later I heard Hiram Chappell had died, very much the same way as Doug, and when I heard the news I cried. Doug couldn't understand why anyone would cry about the death of a man met only once, and I couldn't manage to tell him why.

Many of you remember Joe Kohn, Francis Cummings, Bob Bray, maybe even L. L. Watts, that grand old Virginia colonel who was responsible for starting work for the blind in Virginia. Col. Watts had been a civil engineer who was blinded by a dynamite blast while supervising the construction of a railroad, and he took great delight in asking people questions which implied a technical knowledge of engineering.

Most of you remember Mary Switzer, but how many remember Fred Broecker? Not many, I would guess, outside of Virginia and Wisconsin, because Fred wasn't involved in work for the blind. He was in charge of the Richmond Tuberculosis Association. Fred had less than one lung left, but he and Doug used to go out with one or two friends every year to cut down trees for firewood. He became one of our closest friends, and we went for long hikes in the mountains with him and his family. We all forgot his physical handicap, but when he suffered a heart attack his body wasn't getting enough oxygen to allow his heart to heal properly. The night we heard of his death Doug was attending the retirement dinner for Mary Switzer, and he said it was the simultaneous passing of one of the "sung" heroes and

one of the unsung heroes of the rehabilitation movement.

All these people and many others here in this room tonight have one trait in common which I admire very much--an old-fashioned virtue with a four-letter Anglo-Saxon name which has gone out of style--GUTS. I'm not talking about courage; that's too intellectual. I'm talking about the quality which makes a mortally wounded person drag himself up to finish the job he began. It's the quality which makes a person who has been legally defined as permanently and totally disabled get up and make something of himself, and the quality which anyone who works with such people must have or eventually develop through association.

Doug was talking with me once about the ability of people to overcome adversity. I'll quote exactly what he said so you'll know I could never have said it that way. "Christ," he said, "I've seen an elephant fly!" Now, I know you get bound up in government paper work, consumerism, accountability, and management by objectives, and you lose track of where you're going and you get discouraged. Perhaps when you have one of those days, it might help to remember how you look to an outsider--Dumbo, the flying elephant!

Seriously, sometimes I feel I've been privileged to witness a parade of the world's greatest people through my living room. Many of you in terms of strength of character and obstacles overcome bear the same relationship to me that I bore physically to those little children in the

first-grade class, and I feel honored to have known you.

If Doug were here at this point, he'd probably be whispering, "Marj, let them up; their ears are bleeding!" So I'd like to leave you with two final messages.

One, from me, is as usual in the form of a song--"Thanks for the memories!"

The other, from Doug, is simply that while his work here is finished, he's depending on you, all of you, to carry it on.

Excerpt from Acceptance of
Migel Award

(Preceded by thanks to all and comments on cordial working relationships through the years.)

On these occasions it seems to be the custom to provide a few anecdotes from the past which describe the recipient as he sees himself. Since I am going to leave out the libelous, these remarks will be very short!

I began work after high school apprenticing in an air conditioning and refrigeration shop, hoping to learn enough to enter the trade. The salary received was magnificent, simply lunch money, and very light lunch at that. It didn't take me many months to realize that this was not the ideal business for a blind man. Before, during, and after this experience I made numerous applications for clerical and industrial jobs, but during those days the competition was quite keen, and blindness was certainly no asset. Finally, with the help

of the New Jersey Commission for the Blind, I found employment in an electronics plant about ten miles from my home and concurrently began taking evening college courses, recognizing that, while industrial employment at that time was lucrative, one could not expect to move into anything more challenging without professional training.

A few years later I was employed by the New Jersey Commission for the Blind, thus beginning a fairly long career in this field. As it is with most people, it is a career that did not stem from any organized plan, but nevertheless it has been extremely rewarding to me. I feel singularly fortunate to be paid for what I like most to do in life.

The early years with the New Jersey Commission gave me great personal satisfaction, because over a short period of time I was able to return to many of the plants that had turned me away earlier and place blind persons with these companies, where they were highly competitive with their sighted peers. Because the agency was so close to New York University it was also possible for me to complete my B.S. and Master's degrees by attending evening classes. Many of these classes were taken with my friend and former colleague, Dick Friend, who is still with the agency performing a very important role.

Classwork and research for my Ph.D. were completed while employed by the Delaware Commission for the Blind and the Virginia Commission for the Visually Handi-

capped. I mention this, not as an academic achievement, but because it gives me an opportunity to again express my thanks to the American Foundation for giving me the fellowship which made it possible to conduct the research and thus to complete my education.

The main point I would like to make today is that it is a very foolish man, indeed, who can believe himself solely responsible for his achievements. Obviously, my own case proves the rule rather than the exception. One could hardly avoid doing a good job with the advantage of great counseling and supervision from leaders in our field such as George Meyer, Francis Cummings, and L. L. Watts--men who pointed out the best way to do a job and raised hell when you didn't meet the standards set for you. Obviously, there were many others who helped shape my professional attitudes, but these three stand out as individuals who had the most profound effect.

The most consistent help and encouragement that is needed by all of us day by day seldom comes from our professional colleagues. I look first to my family as I was growing up, especially my sisters, who refused to accept blindness as a disability. Without knowing it, they forced me to accept responsibility without having need or time for self-pity. Later my children, with their trials, tribulations, and successes helped me to keep an even keel with an ever increasing workload. Undoubtedly the most important asset in ones family is a good wife who has all the

attributes necessary in setting priorities, giving encouragement when needed and not hesitating to criticize when this is needed, sharing the defeats as well as the victories, never forgetting the teamwork approach but not allowing this to cause loss of personal identity.

Last, but by no means least, a man's achievements, whether great or small, are dependent in fact upon the abilities, interest, and willingness of co-workers. I have had some marvelous secretaries and administrative assistants who made the work look easy and turned out superior products, often in spite of "the boss." I think, too, of many wonderful people who have worked with and for me and turned my own mediocre performance into something we could all be proud of. Time doesn't permit naming names, but it is on behalf of all these people I can feel comfortable accepting this award.

As I tried to intimate in the beginning, it seems hardly fair to reward someone for doing the work he loves best. In response I can only promise that in the years left to me I shall continue to give my best to those I serve.

PRESENTATION OF THE FIRST C. WARREN BLEDSOE AWARDS

Presented by

Dr. George Mallinson

Upon the recommendation of the Publications Advisory Committee, American Association of Workers for the Blind, the Board of Directors authorized that two C. Warren Bledsoe Awards for 1977 be announced on Monday, July 18, 1977 at 2:00 p.m. at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Workers for the Blind in Portland, Oregon. The Awards were as follows:

First Honoring

Ms. Frances A. Koestler

For her publication entitled The Unseen Minority. Ms. Koestler is a writer, editor and public-relations consultant in the social, behavioral and health-related services. Her first assignment in the field of blindness involved

the organization and editing of the COMSTAC Report which contained the findings of the Commission on Standards and Accreditation that resulted in the formation of the National Accreditation Council for Agencies for the Blind and Visually Handicapped (NAC). She later served as writer and editor for NAC, the Industrial Home for the Blind and for the Jewish Guild for the Blind, all in the New York City. It was from this experience that she was invited by the American Foundation for the Blind to write a social history of blindness in the United States for which she received the award. Ms. Koestler has published more than 200 articles in magazines and journals and has plans for working on a Public Affairs Pamphlet on new opportunities for employment of the handicapped.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FIRST C. WARREN BLEDSOE AWARD

Frances A. Koestler

In accepting this award, which I am honored to do, I'm struck by two felicitous coincidences.

One is that the award is named for C. Warren Bledsoe. Warren was enormously helpful to me, both personally and through his prolific writings, during the extensive research that went into the writing of The Unseen Minority.

The second is that my fellow awardee, Berthold Lowenfeld, left behind, in the files of the American Foundation for the Blind, such complete records of his work in the Talking Book Education Project that my description of this innovative approach to the schooling of blind children practically wrote itself.

Files, files and more files! They nearly drove me crazy, but how invaluable they proved to be! The person who sets out to write the next history of work for the blind will have a much harder time than I did. That's because I had the advantage of researching a period when a first-class letter could be mailed for 2¢ (and it was delivered the next day, if not the same afternoon!), when long distance calls were made only in extreme crisis, when air travel was a rarity. Consequently, most negotiations were conducted by correspondence, and the written word left indelible traces not only of the substance under discussion, but of the distinctive personalities of the negotiators. Today, when important decisions are often made over the phone, or at meetings the participants can reach by air in a matter of hours, their essence may subsequently be recorded on paper, but the maneuvers, the nuances of give-and-take, the horse-trading--these remain in people's memories and not in their files.

Just imagine what it means to a historian to find a yellowed

carbon of a gossip letter that ends with a P.S.: "Please destroy after reading." Perhaps the recipient obeyed this injunction, perhaps he didn't--but, often enough, the sender of this ultra-confidential communication carefully held on to his own copy!

In sponsoring the writing and publication of The Unseen Minority, the American Foundation for the Blind saw its purpose as being to educate, to inform, and to mold more realistic public attitudes toward blind people. Until this happy moment of recognition, the only thing I could be sure of was that if no one else was educated by this book, I certainly was. I can't begin to count the nuggets of knowledge that surfaced as I dug into that mountain of books and minutes and files--things that made me laugh, things that brought tears to my eyes, things that made me sit bolt upright with surprise. They added up to insights that will remain with me as long as I live. Today you have added another treasured memory. I thank you for it.

Second Honoring

Dr. Berthold Lowenfeld

For his publication entitled The Changing Status of the Blind: From Separation to Integration. Dr. Lowenfeld began his career as a teacher of blind children in Austria in the early 1920s. He received his Ph.D. in Child Psychology at the University of Vienna in 1927, later studying in the United States as a

Rockefeller Research Fellow, surveying American education of the blind and child psychology. From 1939-49 Dr. Lowenfeld was Director of Educational Research at the American Foundation for the Blind and Visiting Professor at summer sessions in many colleges and universities. In 1949 he was appointed Superintendent of the

California School for the Blind in Berkeley and held that position until 1964. Since then he has engaged in research and writing in the field of blindness with support from the U.S. Office of Education; California State Department of Education; and the Social and Rehabilitation Service, Department of Health, Education and Welfare. He has also served

as Consultant to Canadian schools for the blind and to Israel and South Africa.

Dr. Lowenfeld has written over 100 contributions to professional magazines and journals, most of them dealing with the problems of blindness and blind children.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FIRST C. WARREN BLEDSOE AWARD

Dr. Berthold Lowenfeld

Dr. Mallinson, My Friends of the AAWB, Ladies and Gentlemen: It is with a great deal of pleasure that I accept the 1977 C. Warren Bledsoe Publications Award for my book The Changing Status of the Blind: From Separation to Integration. Let me first congratulate the members of the Publications Advisory Committee for establishing this Award, the first and only one for meritorious publications in our field. They have from the beginning set high standards for any publication to be honored in the future by the Award because they have selected Frances A. Koestler's book The Unseen Minority, a scholarly, captivat-

ing, and elegantly written opus. As to my own, I can only say that I am really not an objective judge, but I am honored to join Frances Koestler in receiving the Award.

It was also a wise decision to give this Award the name of my good and dear friend Warren Bledsoe. He can truly be called "the literary and historical conscience of work with the blind," and the AAWB honored him and itself by naming the Award after him. It is indeed a great distinction and gratification to be its recipient.

PRESENTATION OF THE LAWRENCE E. BLAHA MEMORIAL AWARD

To

Professor Donald Blasch

By

Robert Crouse, Ed.D.

It is indeed a great pleasure and privilege for me to be here today to present the fifth Lawrence E. Blaha Memorial Award. I am actually pinch hitting today for your immediate past chairman of Interest Group IX, Mr. Frank Ryan, who was unable to attend this conference. The immediate past chairman of the Interest Group serves as chairman of the selection committee for this award.

The Lawrence E. Blaha Memorial Award is given at each Biennial AAWB National Convention in memory of Larry Blaha who was one of our true pioneers in the field of orientation and mobility. Larry was the epitome of what an orientation and mobility should be. He was competent, personable, dedicated to his profession and above all, a beautiful human being. He worked at Hines V.A. Hospital, later served on the faculty of Western Michigan University, and was head of the mobility program at California State University at Los Angeles at the time of his untimely death. So in memory of Larry Blaha and to signify outstanding achievement in the field of mobility for visually handicapped persons, Interest Group IX created this award. Past recipients have been such noteworthy persons as

Ms. Larry Blaha, Dr. Richard E. Hoover, William Debatez, Stanley Suterko and two years ago, Mr. Russell Williams.

The winner of this year's Lawrence E. Blaha Memorial Award is also a deserving person who has done much to enhance the advancement of orientation and mobility as a profession and development of university level programs for the training of competent men and women as mobility specialists. This year's recipient is Professor Donald Blasch, Chairman of the Department of Blind Rehabilitation at Western Michigan University.

Professor Blasch began his career in rehabilitation of the blind as a psychologist at Hines V.A. Hospital in 1951. He later served as Acting Chief of the Blind Rehabilitation Section. During those years at Hines, Don worked alongside the likes of Warren Bledsoe, Russell Williams, Stanley Suterko and Larry Blaha. It was through the efforts of these men that many of the techniques of long cane orientation and mobility formulated by Dr. Hoover at Valley Forge were perfected and expanded.

In 1961, Mr. Blasch was selected to head the orientation and

mobility program at Western Michigan University and has served as its director ever since. Over the years the program at Western Michigan University became recognized for its quality on a national, and even an international basis. Since 1961, over 300 persons have graduated from the mobility program, including several students from foreign countries. Don has been a leader in getting the field of education and rehabilitation of the blind to accept the development of high standards in the training of orientation and mobility specialists and rehabilitation teachers. Even more importantly, Don has been a real promoter and has gone out and actively sold the need for trained personnel in mobility to our institutions who serve blind and visually handicapped persons.

Professor Blasch is certainly not a selfish professional. He actively helped justify and establish other university level training programs around the country. He and his faculty and the graduates of Western Michigan University have also assisted greatly in the development of instructor training programs in foreign countries such as Great Britain and South Viet Nam.

I have known Don Blasch first as a student, a colleague and as a friend. He is an "up-front" person who tells it like it is. His wisdom and experience have been shared freely with his graduates and workers in our field. There can be no more deserving recipient of this award than Don Blasch. Along with the plaque commemorating the Blaha Award goes the honor of safe guarding the gold handled cane of Sir Francis Campbell until the next recipient is chosen. At this time I would like to recognize Don's wife, Virginia, who has taken such good care of Donald over the years. Sitting next to Virginia is Bernard Blasch, son of Don and Virginia, who is himself an Orientation and Mobility Specialist at Hines V. A. Hospital. Ladies and Gentlemen and members of Interest Group IX, I present to you the 1977 recipient of the Lawrence E. Blaha Memorial Award, Professor Donald Blasch.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE LAWRENCE E. BLAHA MEMORIAL AWARD

Donald Blasch, Professor

I am both pleased and proud to be the recipient of the Lawrence E. Blaha Memorial Award, and to be associated with the past recipients: Dr. Richard Hoover, William Debetaz, Stanley Suterko and Russell C. Williams.

It was a privilege to have been a colleague and friend of Larry Blaha; his dedication to the profession was outstanding. He was as pleased as I with the performance of all orientation and mobility (peripatologist) graduates as they moved into the field of work for the blind. They are a dynamic and dedicated group and have been the major catalyst to the improvement of services to the visually handicapped. This has always been our main purpose.

No one achieves any degree of sustained success without support and help from other sources, and, in my case, I had much of both. At the Veterans Administration Hospital, Hines, Illinois, I was fortunate to be associated with Russell Williams, Stanley Suterko, Larry Blaha, John Malamazian, Loyal E. Apple, and all the other staff members.

During the course of my work at Western Michigan University, I have been extremely fortunate to have as my colleagues: Dean George Mallinson, Suterko, Blaha, Ruth Kaarlela, Lloyd Widerberg, Robert LaDuke, Marvin Weessies, Elizabeth Lennon, William Walkowiak, Everett Hill, Thomas Murphy, Betty Rittersdorf, Berta Crummel, and Bruce Blasch. My wife, daughter, son, and my family have also been loyal supporters of my endeavors.

Having been selected as the 1977 recipient of the Lawrence E. Blaha Memorial Award; having the honor of safeguarding the gold-handled cane of Sir Francis Campbell until the next recipient is chosen; and having the presentation made by a former student, Dr. Robert Crouse, is a most moving and memorable occasion for me.

PRESENTATION OF THE BRUCE MCKENZIE AWARD

To

Billie Elder

By

Lillian Rosenbom

It is my distinct pleasure to present Billie Elder with the Bruce McKenzie award at this meeting of Group XI during the AAWB convention in July of 1977 at Portland, Oregon.

Billie Elder, a rehabilitation teacher supervisor at the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind for the past twelve years, has earned many meritorious distinctions. She represented the Blind Women of the World at a conference in Yugoslavia. She has served as president of the Arkansas chapter of AAWB as well as president of the Arkansas Council of the Blind. On a national level, she is second vice president of the

American Council of the Blind. She has served a successful and productive term as chairman of Group XI of AAWB. At present, she is instructor in the graduate program at the University of Arkansas, Little Rock.

As a graduate student at Western Michigan University, she received her internship under the supervision of Bruce McKenzie in Illinois. We feel it most fitting, therefore, that Billie Elder be given the award.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE BRUCE MCKENZIE AWARD

Billie Elder

I stand in that "endless line of splendor" of those who make the world "present to the learner"--the teacher; the one who helps the learner interpret, organize and utilize the vast array of information received and selected by the sensory modalities and forwarded to the brain. In order to "make the world present to the learner" the teacher, not only guides the learner in the processes of collecting, selecting, coding, organizing, deciding and acting on the sensory data but also, shares with the learner a daily ration of the glory, wonder and mystery of learning and living. Thus making "present to the learner" the domains of the cognitive, the psychomotor and the affective domains as well as the challenge of setting goals and the joy of achieving them.

The teacher makes "present to the learner" the environments in which the learner must function; the macroism and the microism of the physical environment; the complications and subtleties of the social environment; the known, the unknown and the half-known of the emotional environment and the wellsprings of the ethical, artistic and spiritual environments. The teacher helps the learner synthesize and harmonize these environments into a meaningful, purposeful and functional existence.

The teacher sits in judgment of history and selects that

which shall be preserved from the past. The teacher scans the horizon of the future and projects the needs of the learner and builds with the learner, models adequate for future needs. The teacher works in the present with the learner and, building on the past, helps the learner move forward toward well defined goals.

To define the rehabilitation teacher in global terms is not enough; the rehabilitation teacher is a specialist who must meet the requirements of a teacher and, in addition, the specific needs of learners without functional sight.

If, because of a visual loss, the free flow of sensory stimuli is diminished or cut off, the role of the learner and that of the teacher are made more difficult. If additional sense receptors are impaired, the roles are even more complicated. The teacher who plans with and guides the sensory impaired learner through an individualized course of instruction designed to move the learner from the stagnant eddies of the backwaters into the sparkling, singing waters of the mainstream of life, is called a rehabilitation teacher. When the foundations on which life was predicated are shaken and crumble; when familiar, accustomed roles are overturned; when the bread of life molds and turns sour; when the sense of self-dependence, dignity and worth have fled, the ego is sorely

threatened. When the performance of the ordinary functions of living and working becomes a fearsome, toilsome task because of a severe visual loss, the situation "in extremes" calls for the services of a trained rehabilitation teacher. The rehabilitation teacher must be able to relate genuinely, sincerely and empathetically to the needs of the learner, his family and the community.

The rehabilitation teacher is more than a technician like the T.V. repairman or the clothier. The T.V. repairman turns knobs, tightens screws and adjusts the mechanism of a "thing." The clothier embellishes the outward appearance and concentrates on "outwardness" of an individual. The services of the technician and the clothier are honorable and necessary. These types of services are essential but they minister only to the outward and the transitory, whereas the rehabilitation teacher ministers to the outward, the inward and the permanent needs of the visually impaired learner by teaching adaptive skills and guiding the learner through an individualized course of study. The rehabilitation teacher knows what should be done, when it should be done, how it should be done and why it should be done in order to restore that which can be restored and to compensate for that which cannot be restored.

The rehabilitation teacher understands the trauma of loss and pain and can relate therapeutically to the visually impaired individual who has suffered loss and endured pain at

the inmost core of being. Sight is the major modality through which the sighted person learns and through which he orients himself in space, moves about and performs these tasks which make life productive and meaningful. Furthermore, sight is the confirming sense. It confirms and validates the information forwarded to the sensorium by the other senses.

When sight diminishes or is lost, the decision-making process is subjected to stress. Then not only does the newly blinded individual fail to receive sensory input on which his daily activities depend, but he is further distressed because he cannot believe the messages his other senses transmit to the brain. Both the deprivation and the distrust of the other senses are devastating and call for a complete reorganization of the highly complex sensorium which receives, interprets and acts upon sensory data. The drastic re-routing, re-ordering and re-education of a highly complex system for gathering information, interpreting it and acting upon it is called rehabilitation. The most complex computer in existence is a simple device compared with the human brain and nervous system with its billions of cells which determine how the individual interacts with his world, other persons and within himself. The affective part of the personality, the emotions and feelings are intimately involved and the survival of the ego is as important as physical survival. The rehabilitation teacher is a specialist in cognitive, and psychomotor

learning and knows how to guide a newly blinded learner through a course of study which will preserve and enhance the ego and help the newly blinded learn adaptive skills. It is only the callow and uncaring who would relegate this important task to an untrained, non-empathetic teacher who does not understand the basic concepts of rehabilitation. To do so is demeaning to the visually impaired learner.

The individual with impaired sight has special needs which call for a special type of understanding and expertise. When eyesight fluctuates from day to day or when there is a gradual diminution of sight or when the person with so-called "low vision" does not understand how much he sees or how much he does not see or whether he interprets realistically what he does see, that person must function in a distorted or lopsided world often overlayed with emotional problems created by frustration and lack of understanding. The unrealistic expectations the low vision client has of himself and the expectations others have of him often result in frustration and failure. The person with low vision may be accused of dishonesty, lying, laziness, faking and the like. Many of the most uncomplimentary epithets in the language are applied to those with varying degrees of "low vision." Lack of understanding of their condition by their fellowman, especially those who purport to be rehabilitation experts is one of the low vision clients' biggest handicaps. He does not need the services of a mere technician but those of a

rehabilitation specialist who has an appreciation of his dilemma and the expertise to help him cope productively with the manifold problems of life with diminished vision.

Congenitally blind adults have often been given academic training but have been denied the opportunity for social development, the opportunity to engage in a wide range of interpersonal relationships and to learn the arts of personal beautification and adornment. Too often the academic has been stressed at the expense of relationships and the opportunity to gain a realistic concept of the world of work. If the congenitally blind individual grows to adulthood without acquiring a sense of dignity and worth as a human being and has been denied "equal opportunities for development and growth" provided as a matter of course for his sighted peers, the congenitally blind client has a different but equally urgent set of needs as compared with the partially sighted. They do not need the services of a tinkerer or technician but they have a right to expect and receive the services of a trained, qualified teacher with the ability to assess their needs accurately and plan with them the program best calculated to remediate their deficits. Some of the problems of the congenitally blind are the same as those of the adventitiously blind but both groups share the need and have the right to the services of a trained, qualified rehabilitation teacher who is competent and can relate therapeutically to them. The teacher-learner relationship is of prime importance.

The rehabilitation teacher stands in a unique relationship to the community and brings to bear the positive forces and resources of the community on the solution of the problems of the visually handicapped. The ultimate goal of the rehabilitation teacher is to help return or to initiate the rehabilitant into the main stream of family and community life. In every community there are resources which must be identified, cultivated and utilized for the benefit of the rehabilitant. Governmental and private agencies, churches, clubs and volunteers are waiting to be tapped and involved in order to enhance the quality of life of visually handicapped persons. Beyond the basic necessities of food, shelter, clothing and medical care, individuals learning to cope with life without adequate functional sight have the same basic human needs as their sighted peers. The human organism was made for activity and craves social interaction, creativity, new experiences, companionship, acceptance, appreciation and a sense of dignity, worth and maximization of potentials. A monetary subsidy such as SSI is not sufficient and the community must be educated and relationships built so that the community is aware of its visually handicapped citizens and wants to be involved in the enhancement of the quality of their lives.

The rehabilitation teacher stands in a uniquely dynamic relationship to the profession of rehabilitation teaching. Historically, it is the oldest of the helping professions dating back to our

early history when one blind individual offered to help another visually handicapped person learn adaptive skills and a remunerative craft or trade. The profession has emerged from those early times when the teacher lived in the home of the learner until the desired skills had been acquired. The great awakening of the social consciousness of the nation has called into being a profession built on the practice of earlier times; in response the profession has enlarged the scope of services and elevated the competencies required of rehabilitation teachers. The upward struggles of the profession have been long and torturous. Acceptance of the profession has been partial. Communities have often grudgingly rewarded rehabilitation teachers and often complicated the growth of the profession by feeding into it undesirable, untrained practitioners for political reasons.

The struggle for an academic program of excellence is making progress. There yet remains a public relations job to convince the administrators of private and governmental programs that academically trained teachers in the specialty of rehabilitation are the best investment they can make in providing meaningful services to their clients. Monetary considerations alone have resulted in the placement of many academically untrained and personally undesirable persons in the role of the rehabilitation teacher. The visually handicapped segment of the population deserve better, in fact, the mounting wave of informed consumerism is hastening the day

when excellence and competence will be required as a matter of right.

Within the past few years there has been a proliferation of devices designed specifically for the visually handicapped. As the pressure mounts to apply the blessing of modern technology and enrich the quality of life for the visually handicapped, the role of the rehabilitation teacher is broadened. The teacher does not have to be an expert in the use of all the devices but does need to have an awareness of new developments and sufficient knowledge to make referrals to sources and agencies which can give training in the use of new and exciting aids and devices. At long last the visually handicapped have options which sighted people have taken for granted. The rehabilitation teacher has the opportunity to inform and, in many cases, to introduce the visually handicapped person to

some of the "miracles of the 20th century." The rehabilitation teacher has the thrilling experience of seeing the dawn of a new age--the application of modern technology to the manifold needs of a person who must live and function without adequate eyesight.

I am proud to stand in that "endless line of splendor" who serve their fellowmen and make the world "present to them" under adverse conditions. I am very humble to have been selected the recipient of the Bruce McKenzie Award and consider this honor the apogee of the awards bestowed by my fellow workers. It is with pride and humility that I accept the award of a profession which is growing, developing and contributing so richly to the lives of the visually handicapped.

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THE PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Mary K. Bauman

In these years during which I have been President Elect and President, we have been, and are still, living through a period of profound change. There are deep and pervasive changes in our total society. Worldwide, the old seats of power are shaking and there are appearing on the scene new names of individuals and nations that we would not have thought ten years ago, or even five years ago, could be important to us here in United States.

In the total blindness system we are in the midst of change. We had experienced a few decades in which rehabilitation and education could get almost anything they wanted from the public and, more specifically, from legislators; and blindness was in the lead in getting money and special services. The pot of money seemed bottomless. Suddenly, that is no longer true. The taxpayer and his elected representatives want no more taxes, and therefore government spending must be cut. Moreover, other disability groups and some who might not be called disability groups, such as senior citizens, want their share of public money and since they vote in much larger numbers than do blind people, government is listening to their pleas.

At times, even what appears to be favorable legislation shakes

at least some of the foundations of the blindness system. I have in mind, particularly, 94-142 which has had a profound effect upon the residential schools, once strong pillars of the blindness system. However, there are a number of other bits of legislation which have shaken us out of some of our old habits. The legal right of families and clients to review our case records, our psychological reports, and other material we always thought was confidential; the requirement that a client or the family of a child sign an individual written plan--all of these compel us to view ourselves in lights in which we had not formerly seen ourselves. The legal right of consumers to review agency actions and have a part in agency planning requires new approaches and new attitudes of sharing. Ah, yes, these years of my presidency have been years of anxiety and insecurity quite apart from events in AAWB.

Indeed, the years of my presidency have been years of change even in some of our larger blindness agencies. In several cases, names long familiar in our meetings disappeared. Finis Davis, for nearly thirty years the executive of the American Printing House for the Blind, retired in the late summer of 1976. Fortunately, he was succeeded without

a break by Dr. Carson Nolan whom we all knew and admired and, in any case, changes at the American Printing House have more direct impact on our sister association, AEVH, than on AAWB.

Of much greater emotional and professional impact for AAWB was the untimely passing of Dr. Douglas MacFarland on May 3, 1977. We felt especially close to that event because May 3rd was the first of two days of AAWB's spring Board meeting where we had expected Doug to be with us. There followed long months of waiting for the choice by HEW of a replacement, months in which uncertainty and some difficulty in reaching major decisions plagued the blindness system. This period of uncertainty was all the more disturbing because HEW was in the process of reorganizing the Office of Human Development Services.

Last, but certainly not least, I had been in office only a couple of months when AAWB's own executive director, Bruce Blasch, announced that he was leaving to take an obviously challenging position at the University of Wisconsin. After some uncertainty about just when he would leave, we all bade him farewell on December 9, 1977. Then we had long months of appropriately searching for a successor, months during which Carleater did her best to manage the daily affairs of AAWB and I performed many of the duties of the executive director from Philadelphia or by frequent trips to Washington. To Carleater and the Washington office staff I express my gratitude for saving those six months from chaos. I also express my thanks to the Search Committee which gave much time and effort to reviewing applications, interviewing, and finally recommending to the Board our present

Executive Director, John Maxson. Robert Whitstock chaired that Search Committee, and William Gallagher and Donald Blasch were its other members.

In recent months, I have felt quite good about the management of our central office. What had appeared to be an unavoidable financial deficit has been alleviated by some extra income and much watching of expenditures. Membership records appear to be in better order than had been true for some time, and Carleater is reducing the time for membership processing to an excellent record. For all this, I thank John Maxson and Carleater.

Another chronic management problem had been the computer and this now appears to be solved by a commercial computer service. For some years, Dr. George Mallinson gave extensively of the time of his office staff, of his own time, and even Mrs. Mallinson's time, and we are deeply grateful to him for making the Western Michigan computer available to AAWB for so long. Indeed, we wish here to thank Dr. Mallinson for two areas of great devotion and service to AAWB: The years of computer service, and his even more successful work as Chairman of the AAWB Editorial Board. Under Dr. Mallinson's leadership, this Editorial Board has become a very effective group, has successfully produced BLINDNESS 1977-1978 and has BLINDNESS 1979 well along the way. Credit for this goes to all members of the Editorial Board but especially to Dr. Mallinson who, with great skill, has done most of the editorial work himself.

A significant step in professional growth is the establishment

of the Douglas MacFarland Memorial Fund with the goal of providing money for programs and activities of a professional nature. Too often, our Association lacks money to do more than maintain its central office. That central office is absolutely essential, but we are a professional association; some money needs always to be available to serve professional interests of AAWB members. I wish to thank every individual, organization, chapter, and interest group through whose contributions the MacFarland Fund is growing and especially thank the devoted committee, headed by Louis Rives, which produced guidelines for the Fund. This year, we have the first MacFarland Seminar, produced by a hard-working committee, not depending upon monies from the MacFarland Fund but with the double goals of providing a truly educational experience and earning further monies for the MacFarland Fund.

These years of my presidency have produced some wonderful opportunities to know more parts of the country and more AAWB members. It was my pleasure to attend, at least briefly, five of the six regional meetings. I thank every one of you who so graciously met me, listened to my messages about AAWB, and allowed me to share your splendid meetings. I am sorry that coincidence with the meeting dates of two other regions prevented me from attending the Western Regional Meeting, and because of this same kind of conflict of meeting dates, my stays in several other regions were all too short. Although my work has long involved consulting, lecturing, and psychological work in many parts of our country and Canada, there was a special

pleasure in attending the regionals plus one more meeting which remains a precious memory: The Can-Am Conference in the early fall of 1977. This meeting had been planned to bring together Americans and Canadians and, also, AAWB and AEVH. Few AAWB members actually got there but AEVH members did go and we had a fine series of meetings plus the opportunity to visit CNIB and the Ross MacDonald School for the Blind in Brantford, Ontario. Both CNIB and the school were marvelous hosts, exceedingly generous to their guests from United States and completely free in sharing their knowledge and facilities. All of us who made the trip are very grateful to our Canadian friends.

AAWB is an international association, long enriched by the close working together of Canadians and professionals in United States. In our early history, Canadians were very active in AAWB. Four of the presidents of AAWB have been Canadians; three--and soon, four--of the recipients of the association's highest honor, the Shotwell Award, are Canadians. This is a place within AAWB far more significant than numbers and the leadership role of Canadians should never be dependent upon numbers. Canada can never be merely a chapter of AAWB; it is a nation whose professional workers joined with workers with the blind in United States to form AAWB. We must assure other means of building into the structure of the association the ongoing role of Canadian members, and therefore the sharing of wisdom from both sides of the border.

To many of our members, it is

also important that we move closer to some form of joining our sister association, the Association for Education of the Visually Handicapped, in professional and perhaps some office management activities. Here, again, some progress has been made in the past two years and I would like to thank at least a few of the many people who have contributed to that. I would like to express gratitude to Eileen Hancock who so effectively brought to our Board meeting the pertinent resolution of the California Chapter, and to Philip Hatlen and John Best whose position paper so clearly defined the issues. Gratitude is certainly also due the leadership within AEVH and especially Leland Sanborn for their generous handling of the practical issues involved. In a meeting at this conference, further planning has been done and will be reported soon.

But in all this change which has characterized the two years of my presidency, there is also a sense of continuity. One of the institutions which beautifully shows that continuity, that consistent strength and leadership within our field, is The Seeing Eye. I congratulate them upon their 50th Anniversary this year and upon the magnificent work they have done for blind people, the independence of blind people, over these years.

Another name which has stood for both leadership and continuity over many years is that of Helen Keller. Next June I hope we will all join in the remarkable Congress being planned by the American Foundation for the Blind to mark the 100th anniversary of Helen Keller's birth. As she would have wanted it to be, the theme

of that Congress will be a look into the future! It will overlap the already long-planned biennial conference of AEVH in Boston. It will include many of our regionals, and the meetings of many other organizations and associations. All of these will have some meetings of their own, but during that week of celebration there will also be certain major programs for all of us.

I would like to add one other factor in the feeling of continuity which keeps us from shaking too terribly with insecurity at the changes around us. That factor is AAWB. I may not say this very well because I have thought it through only today and it was born of a question raised in the Leadership Meeting this morning: What is AAWB? What is its purpose? Why should I belong to it?

I would like to give you my answer: We have a blindness system, by which I mean not just the agencies which serve blind people, but a body of knowledge about blindness. We have techniques and skills, and as we heard this afternoon, very sophisticated technology. There are a lot of things that are special to blindness, that are different, just to the extent that blind people need things that are different. That whole mass of knowledge, that tradition of service, is what I would like you, for the next couple of minutes, to understand as what I mean by "the blindness system."

AAWB is one unit which carries on that blindness system, out of the past, through the present, into the future. I have pondered what I could liken it to--a family

perhaps. AAWB is one of the blindness families. I say it is "one" because I respect the fact that there are others; AEVH is one of them, associations of blind people, AFB, and others are similar families. I also think of AAWB as a craft, like the old guild that carried on a craft over generations in the Middle Ages. Those who were skilled taught those who were not, gave them ideals, gave them a philosophy, gave them all that made that craft so much more than just putting things together. Dr. Lowenfeld illustrated that philosophy in his story about two brick masons who were asked what they were doing. One said, "We are laying bricks," the other said, "We are building a cathedral." One had vision and sensed with appreciation that he was part of a much greater whole.

AAWB is the body through which the blindness system, as I have defined it, has lived and grown, and will go on living as a body of knowledge. It is skills communicated and demonstrated for the young who need a chance to watch them, it is sensitivity to the needs of blind people, it is experience. We all learn more

from our clients than from anyone else. It is impact upon the rest of the world, upon society, as we interpret blindness, upon legislation as we lobby, and impact upon the future members of our own body as we raise standards through certification and through every new idea that we have. It is dreams and plans for the future. It is memory of and honor to the past; we do not lay it aside. When we give a Shotwell Award, we remember our teachers. It is an opportunity to learn, every time we have a conference, a new opportunity to learn. It is also an opportunity to lead; each of you has a chance to, shall we say, rise to leadership. To be a leader, you must have followers, and in this body you may find followers if you have leadership ability. It is creating, creating something new and original, trying it out, and getting the feedback of our fellows, honest professional feedback, within the family, within the craft. And it is the promise of immortality, that our work may live on through those who succeed us and through those whom we help.

For me, that is AAWB.



Jerry Dunlap, newly elected President for 1979-1981

MINUTES OF THE 1979 BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

The 48th Biennial Conference of AAWB was held in Oklahoma City, July 15-19, 1979. Over 700 people attended. One of the most significant achievements of this conference was the introduction of changes in the Constitution and Bylaws to allow greater participation by Canadians. These changes give recognition to Canada's status as a nation and not as a U.S. chapter or region. As of July 19, 1979 every fifth biennial conference will be held in the Dominion of Canada unless those representing the Dominion of Canada elect not to host the meeting at that time. Two representatives of Canada will serve on the Executive Committee for two years and whenever possible these two members of the Executive Committee will represent both the national and the local sector of service to blind persons in the Dominion of Canada.

The conference strongly urged maintenance of the Bureau of Blind and Visually Handicapped in connection with the recently passed House and Senate bills establishing a Department of Education separate from Health and Welfare.

AAWB, which supports the creation of a separate Department of Education, urged by resolution that the House and Senate conferees clearly delineate the maintenance of the Bureau for Blind and Visually Handicapped if it is transferred from the former HEW to a new Department of Education.

Another resolution important for the structure and quality of AAWB's educational work was the decision to create a Council of Interest Group Chairpersons to continue a dialogue among the various interest groups. In this regard it was further resolved that two persons, preferably the immediate past chairperson and current chairperson be members of the Council. The intention of these resolutions was that the Council serve as a resource body to the Board of Directors.

The following listing of meetings workshops, speakers and interest groups are presented as they appeared in the program:

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Jack Maxwell, Chairperson
Claude Everett Karl Williams

INTEREST GROUP SESSIONS

Jerry Maynard, Chairperson

EXHIBITORS

ORGANIZATION

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Center for Independent Living	27
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Kurzweil Computer Products, Inc.	10
Lektro-Vend Corp.	24
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LOW VISION WORKSHOPS

SUNDAY - JULY 15, 1979

Chairpersons:

1:30 p.m. - 2:50 p.m. Randall T. Jose, O.D.
Greg Goodrich, Ph.D.

WORKSHOP I Plaza North-Sheraton
DETERMINING ILLUMINATION NEEDS OF LOW VISION PATIENT
Bob McGillivray & Kent Carter

WORKSHOP II Red Carpet Room-Sheraton
VISUAL FIELD "EXPANSION"
Audrey Smith
Duane Geruschat

WORKSHOP III 20th Century Room-Sheraton
USE OF BIOPTICS FOR DISTANCE AND NEAR TASKS
Robert Gold, O.D.; Helen Shaw, Gale Watson

3:10 p.m.-4:30 p.m. REPEAT OF ABOVE WORKSHOPS

NOTE: Workshops will be repeated so that attendees can attend a maximum of two out of three workshops. Attendance is limited to thirty persons per workshop and there is advance registration.

REGISTRATION FEE: \$5.00 each workshop

ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY WORKSHOP

SUNDAY - JULY 15, 1979 18th Century Room, Sheraton

9:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Kent Wardell
INTRODUCTION Richard Welsh, Ph.D.

9:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m. Bruce Blasch, Ph.D.
TRAINING FOR PERSONS WITH FUNCTIONAL
MOBILITY PROBLEMS

10:45 a.m.-11:00 a.m. BREAK

11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Randi Maile
MOBILITY TRAINING FOR PERSONS WHO ARE DEAF
OR HARD OF HEARING

12:00 noon-1:30 p.m. LUNCH (on your own)

1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Kathy Minor

MOBILITY TRAINING FOR MENTALLY RETARDED PERSONS

3:00 p.m.-3:15 p.m. BREAK

3:15 p.m.-4:15 p.m. PANEL

MOBILITY TRAINING FOR PERSONS WITH SPINAL CORD INJURY

Karen Todd, Evelyn Shoup, Randi Maile

4:15 p.m. Richard Welsh, Ph. D.
SUMMARY AND QUESTIONS Presentors

REGISTRATION FEE: \$20.00 Regular
\$15.00 AAWB certified Orientation & Mobility
Specialists
2.00 Continuing Education Credit Fee

PUBLIC RELATIONS WORKSHOP

SUNDAY - JULY 15, 1979 Great Plains Room - Sheraton

9:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

9:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

WELCOME Don B. Vest, Chairperson
Mary K. Bauman, President, AAWB

10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

HOW DO YOU GET IT FREE Publicity and Promotion
Mary Jane O'Neill, Chairperson

Speakers: Joan Gilmore Betty Boyd
Jack Sallaska David Smeal
J.B. Wexler

12:15 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Frontier Room-Sheraton

LUNCHEON (included in Registration) Don B. Vest
Chairperson

Speakers: Jerry Dunlap Michael Nelipovich
John Maxson William Jacobson

2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

FUND RAISING-IF YOU CAN'T GET IT FREE, HOW DO YOU
RAISE MONEY? Ruth Sherman, Chairperson

Speakers: David W. Dollarhide Larry C. Woodard

3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

HOW DO YOU DEAL WITH ADVERSE PUBLICITY?
Don B. Vest, Chairperson

Speakers: Jim Standard Barbara Meuth
Charles Hoff Larry C. Woodard

REGISTRATION FEE: \$25.00

REHABILITATION TEACHERS WORKSHOP

SUNDAY - JULY 15, 1979 Venetian Room
Skirvin-Plaza

10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
REGISTRATION

12:00 noon-12:30 p.m. Thomas Hanson, Ed.D.
INTRODUCTION AND DISCUSSION OF WORKSHOPS

12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m.
DIABETIC MENU PLANNING

Introduction: Billie Elder

Speakers: Mrs. Claire McMenamy-Berger
Ann Colmery

2:00 p.m.-2:15 p.m. BREAK

2:15 p.m.-3:45 p.m.
ANDROLOGICAL APPROACH TO TEACHING

Introduction: Michael Nelipovich

Speakers: Calvin Johnson, Ph.D. Frances Crawford

3:45 p.m.-4:00 p.m. BREAK

4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
MULTIPLE DISABILITIES—HOW THESE AFFECT THE CLIENT

Introduction: David Search

Speaker: Paul Ponchillia, Ph.D.

Continuing Education Credit will be through the University of Arkansas, Little Rock. To earn this credit you must register for the workshop and attend the above sessions, plus the following interest group sessions: July 17 - 3:45 p.m.; July 18 - 8:30 a.m. and 3:45 p.m.

REGISTRATION FEE: \$10.00
\$5.00 Continuing Education Credit Fee

**MAC FARLAND INSTITUTE ON
EMPLOYMENT FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY HANDICAPPED**

MONDAY - JULY 16, 1979 Imperial Ballroom
Skirvin-Plaza

9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon Mary K. Bauman, Chairperson

SESSION I

“The Importance of and the Need for The MacFarland Institute: Who was Dr. Douglas C. MacFarland and What did He Represent to the Field of Blindness?”-- Louis H. Rives, Jr. & Robert Winn, Ph.D.

The Employment Market for the Decade of the '80's-- Dennis Canant

“Working or Not Working: National Statistics on Labor Force Participation, Employment, and Occupations of Blind and Visually Impaired Persons”--Corinne Kirchner

Job Development Through Barrier Removal:

1. Attitudinal: Client, Counselor, Employer--
Clayton A. Morgan, Ph.D.
2. Architectural: Human Engineering and Tool Design; Job
Modification-- Charles J. Laenger, Sr.

12:00 noon-1:30 p.m. LUNCH (on your own)

1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. George A. Magers, Chairperson

SESSION II

“The Changing Role of the State Rehabilitation Counselor and the Placement Specialist During the Decade of the '80's.”

1. The Function of the Placement Counselor--
Louis Viececi
2. The Changing Role of the Rehabilitation Counselor--
George Arsnow

2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Arlene Gordon, Chairperson

SESSION III

Professional Women Who Are Blind Look at Employment Opportunities
for Today and Tomorrow—

Betty Bird, Ed.D. & Josephine DeFini

3:30 p.m.-3:45 p.m. BREAK

3:45 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Jerry Dunlap, Chairperson

SESSION IV

Technology Leads to Employment

1. Low Vision Services: A Tool for Full Employment
Randall T. Jose, O.D.
2. An Overview of the Technology Available Today and What Will
Be Available in the Decade of the '80's to Assure Blind Persons
Full Employment
Lawrence Scadden, Ph.D. & T.V. Cranmer

5:00 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

REGISTRATION: \$10.00 Donation to the MacFarland Fund
\$ 5.00 Continuing Education Credit Fee

Continuing Education Credit will be through the University of Arkansas,
Little Rock.

Attendance at this workshop can be counted toward certificate maintenance
by Certified Rehabilitation Counselors.

PROGRAM

SUNDAY - JULY 15, 1979

8:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Skirvin, 2nd Floor
REGISTRATION

WORKSHOPS

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. 18th Century Room - Sheraton
ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY WORKSHOP (See Page 11)

10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Venetian Room - Skirvin
REHABILITATION TEACHERS WORKSHOP (See Page 13)

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Great Plains Country - Sheraton
PUBLIC RELATIONS WORKSHOP (See Page 12)

1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Red Carpet - Sheraton
LOW VISION WORKSHOP (See Page 11) Plaza North - Sheraton
20th Century - Sheraton

MEETINGS

- 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Regency Room - Skirvin
AAWB-AEVH COMMITTEE MEETING
- 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Continental Room - Skirvin
AAWB LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE (open Meeting)
- 1:30 p.m. Crystal & Balinese Rooms - Skirvin
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
- 3:00 p.m. Crystal & Balinese Rooms - Skirvin
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
- 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Imperial Ballroom - Skirvin
OPENING SESSION President Mary K. Bauman
Presiding
- INVOCATION The Rev. Louis V. Scagnelli, OCD
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
- PRESENTATION OF COLORS Tinker AFB
- STAR SPANGLED BANNER - O CANADA
- WELCOME Travis Harris, Okla. Chapter President
- WELCOME Harry Birdwell, General Manager
Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce
- KEYNOTE ADDRESS Berthold Lowenfeld, Ph.D.
THE CHALLENGE OF REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION
IN THE COMING DECADE
- HISTORY AND
MEMORIAL COMMITTEE REPORT C. Warren Bledsoe
- 9:00 p.m. Century Ballroom - Sheraton
WELCOMING RECEPTION

MONDAY - JULY 16, 1979

- 8:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Skirvin - 2nd Floor
REGISTRATION
- WORKSHOPS:
- 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Regency Room - Skirvin
AAWB LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE John Maxson, Chairperson

9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Imperial Ballroom - Skirvin
DOUGLAS C. MACFARLAND INSTITUTE (See Page 14&15)
Placement & Employment

MEETINGS:

8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Venetian Room - Skirvin
ASSOCIATION OF REHABILITATION TEACHERS Enoch Todd
Chairperson

8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Crystal Room - Skirvin
UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAM Bruce Blasch, Ph.D.
Lawrence Dickerson, Ph.D.

9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Executive Suite - Skirvin
ORIENTATION FOR THE PRESS Kent Bowers, Chairperson

5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
INTEREST GROUP NO. 9 18th Century Room - Sheraton
Orientation and Mobility (See Page 31 & 32)

INTEREST GROUP NO. 11 Venetian Room - Skirvin
Rehabilitation Teachers (See Page 33)

INTEREST GROUP NO. 14 Red Carpet Room - Sheraton
Secretaries (See Page 35&36)

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Imperial Ballroom - Skirvin

FIRST GENERAL SESSION Mary K. Bauman, Presiding
Presidential Address Mary K. Bauman

“THE CHALLENGE OF LEGISLATION” Louis Rives, Chairperson

Future of the Office of the Blind and
Visually Handicapped Robert Winn, Ph.D.

Review of Legislation of 70's and Programmatic
Implementation Mervin Flander

Legislative Needs of the 80's Irvin P. Schloss

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE Stuart Grout

TUESDAY - JULY 17, 1979

7:15 a.m.-8:30 a.m. Continental Room - Skirvin
PRESIDENT'S BREAKFAST Mary K. Bauman, Presiding

INVOCATION Rev. Rick Marion, Grace United Methodist Church

PRESENTATION OF PAST PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Presented by: Cleo Dolan

Response: Myrtle Garris for NC Chapter

8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Skirvin - 2nd Floor
REGISTRATION

8:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

INTEREST GROUP NO. 1 Frontier Country - Sheraton
Administrators, Executives and Board Members
of Public and Voluntary Agencies (See Page 25)

INTEREST GROUP NO. 3 Great Plains Country - Sheraton
Social Case Services (See Page 26 & 27)

INTEREST GROUP NO. 5 Crystal Room - Skirvin
Literary and Library Services (See Page 28 & 29)

INTEREST GROUP NO. 7 20th Century Room - Sheraton
Low Vision (See Page 30 & 31)

INTEREST GROUP NO. 10 Green Country Room - Sheraton
Business Enterprises (See Page 32)

INTEREST GROUP NO. 12 Kiamichi Room - Sheraton
Sheltered Workshops (See Page 34)

INTEREST GROUP NO. 13 Balinese Room - Skirvin
Deaf-Blind (See Page 35)

10:15 a.m.-10:30 a.m. BREAK

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Imperial Ballroom - Skirvin

SECOND GENERAL SESSION Mary K. Bauman, Presiding

WELCOME Honorable George Nigh
Governor of State of Oklahoma

THE CHALLENGE OF HUMANIZING

SERVICES Edward W. Werden, Chairperson

Challenge for Education Barbara McDonald

Challenge for Consumers Raythel Jones

Challenge for Rehabilitation Norma Krajczar

NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR Stuart Grout

12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m. LUNCH (On Your Own)

1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Crystal Room - Skirvin

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSONS MEETING Carleater
Holmes, Chairperson

2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Imperial Ballroom - Skirvin

THIRD GENERAL SESSION Mary K. Bauman, Presiding

THE CHALLENGE OF POPULATION CHANGES Loyal E. Apple
Chairperson

Problems of Aging Willis Atwell, Principal Speaker

Responses Ruth Kaarlela, Ph.D
Douglas Smith
Marvin Berkowitz, Ph.D

4:15 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

INTEREST GROUP NO. 2 Continental Room - Skirvin
Rehabilitation and Employment Services (See Page 25 & 26)

INTEREST GROUP NO. 4 Plaza North - Sheraton
Services to Children and Youth (See Page 27 & 28)

INTEREST GROUP NO. 6 Regency Room - Sheraton
Recreation, Day Centers, Residences (See Page 29 & 30)

INTEREST GROUP NO. 9 18th Century Room - Sheraton
Orientation and Mobility (See Page 31 & 32)

INTEREST GROUP NO. 11 Venetian Room - Skirvin
Rehabilitation Teachers (See Page 33)

5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Imperial Ballroom - Skirvin

PRESIDENTIAL RECEPTION

7:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

INTEREST GROUP NO. 9 18th Century Room - Sheraton
Orientation and Mobility (See Page 31 & 32)

INTEREST GROUP NO. 7 20th Century Room - Sheraton
Low Vision (See Page 30 & 31)

8:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Regency Room - Skirvin

RADIO READING SERVICES (Informal Meeting) Travis Harris
Chairperson

9:00 p.m.-12:00 Midnight Imperial Ballroom - Skirvin

DANCE - Al Good Orchestra
Hosted by Oklahoma Chapter AAWB

WEDNESDAY - JULY 18, 1979

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Skirvin - 2nd Floor

REGISTRATION

8:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m. Continental Room - Skirvin
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE Edwin Hammer, Ed.D.
Chairperson

8:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

INTEREST GROUP NO. 4 Plaza North - Sheraton
Services to Children and Youth (See Page 27 & 28)

INTEREST GROUP NO. 6 Regency Room - Skirvin
Recreation, Day Centers, Residences (See Page 29 & 30)

INTEREST GROUP NO. 9 18th Century Room - Sheraton
Orientation and Mobility (See Page 31 & 32)

INTEREST GROUP NO. 10 Green Country - Sheraton
Business Enterprises (See Page 32)

INTEREST GROUP NO. 11 Venetian Room - Skirvin
Rehabilitation Teachers (See Page 33)

INTEREST GROUP NO. 14 Red Carpet Room - Sheraton
Secretaries (See Page 35 & 36)

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Imperial Ballroom - Skirvin

FOURTH GENERAL SESSION Mary K. Bauman, Presiding

THE CHALLENGE OF POPULATION CHANGES ... Joseph J. Larkin,
Chairperson

10:40 - Overview of the Multihandicapped: Past, Present,
& Future Richard W. Bleecker, Ph.D.

11:10 - Meeting the Needs of the Institutionalized
Blind Vincent J. Rappa, M.P.S.

11:30 - Meeting the Needs of the
Deaf-Blind Louis J. Bettica, A.C.S.W.

11:50 - Meeting the Needs of the Aging Blind ... Sam Negrin, M.S.W.

12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m. LUNCH (on your own)

12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Balinese Room - Skirvin
LUNCHEON - Mid-America Conference of Rehabilitation Teachers

1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Executive Suite - Skirvin
VOTING

1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. North Plaza Room - Sheraton

PUBLICATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE .. George Mallinson, Ph.D.
Chairperson

2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Imperial Ballroom - Skirvin

FIFTH GENERAL SESSION..... Mary K. Bauman, Presiding

THE CHALLENGE OF TECHNOLOGY .. Gilbert Johnson, Chairperson

State of Art of Equipment and Technology Lawrence Scadden, Ph.D.

Vocational and Personal Applications of Technology Jerry Kuns

The Challenge of Technology for Educators and Counselors in providing
Vocational Guidance for Blind and Visually Handicapped
Persons Gilbert Johnson

3:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m.

INTEREST GROUP NO. 1 Frontier Room - Sheraton
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Private Agencies (See Page 25)

INTEREST GROUP NO. 2 Continental Room - Skirvin
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INTEREST GROUP NO. 12 Kiamichi Room - Sheraton
Sheltered Workshops (See Page 34)

INTEREST GROUP NO. 13 Regency Room - Skirvin
Deaf-Blind (See Page 35)

5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Balinese Room - Skirvin

DEAF-BLIND RECEPTION CO-HOSTED BY HELEN KELLER
NATIONAL CENTER FOR DEAF-BLIND YOUTHS AND ADULTS &
ARKANSAS ENTERPRISES FOR THE BLIND

7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m. Imperial Ballroom - Skirvin
AMBROSE M. SHOTWELL
AWARDS BANQUET Mary K. Bauman, Presiding
INVOCATION Rabbi A. David Packman
 Temple B'Nai Israel
ANNOUNCEMENT OF SLATE OF OFFICERS Stuart Grout
PRESENTATION OF THE AMBROSE M. SHOTWELL
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD TO ROSS C. PURSE.
Presenters William Milton
 Constance A. Gant
Response Ross C. Purse

THURSDAY - JULY 19, 1979

8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Skirvin, 2nd Floor
REGISTRATION
8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Imperial Ballroom - Skirvin
SIXTH GENERAL SESSION Mary K. Bauman, Presiding
THE CHALLENGE OF
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES Leland Sanborn, Chairperson
Education of the Visually Impaired in
Public Schools Susan B. Spungin, Ed.D.
Standards and Accreditation in
Educational Practices Geraldine Scholl, Ed.D.
National Accreditation Council Standards on
Educational Services Ferne Roberts
10:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Imperial Ballroom - Skirvin
AAWB BUSINESS SESSION Mary K. Bauman, Presiding
REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE .. Edwin K. Hammer, Ed.D.
 Chairperson
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS
REPORT OF PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES Harold Richterman
 Chairperson
TRANSFER OF GAVEL

ADJOURNMENT.

12:00 noon-1:45 p.m. Century Ballroom - Sheraton

MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

INVOCATION Rev. Edward J. Holt, St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral

REMARKS Honorable Patience Latting, Mayor of Oklahoma City

MEMBERSHIP REPORT Loyale Apple and Wesley Sprague

RECOGNITION OF CONTEST WINNERS John Maxson

PRESENTATION OF THE ALFRED ALLEN AWARD TO DONALD BLASCH

Presented by: William Gallagher

Response: Donald Blasch

PRESENTATION OF THE C. WARREN BLEDSOE AWARD POSTHUMOUSLY TO DR. RICHARD KINNEY

Presented by: George Mallinson, Ph.D.

Response: Mrs. Hobart H. Kinney

PRESENTATION OF THE JOHN MCAULAY AWARD TO DR. JOHN LINVILLE

Presented by: David A. Loux

Response: Dr. John Linville

2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Imperial Ballroom - Skirvin

SEVENTH GENERAL SESSION Jerry Dunlap, Presiding

THE CHALLENGE OF SERVICE

THROUGH WORKSHOPS Harold Richterman, Chairperson

INTRODUCTION & MODERATOR R.T. "Deacon" Millard

What is National Industries for the Blind? Its Purpose, Programs, Goals,
Structure Robert Hanye

The General Council of Workshops for
the Blind

William Thompson

Programs of NIB-Royal Maid, Inc: Work Sample Development
for Blind People Billy Sparkman

Subcontracting and Mainstreaming Jeff Ditchek

Government Marketing and Product
Development Al Wiese

3:45 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

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Agencies (See Page 25)

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Low Vision (See Page 30 & 31) Sheraton

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Deaf-Blind (See Page 35)

INTEREST GROUP NO. 14 Red Carpet Room - Sheraton
Secretaries (See Page 35 & 36)

5:00 p.m. Crystal Room - Skirvin
AAWB BOARD MEETING - New Board of Directors

7:00 p.m. Presidential Suite - Skirvin

CONFERENCE WRAP-UP

INTEREST GROUP SESSIONS

GROUP I

Administrators and Executives of Public and Voluntary Agencies Serving Blind Persons at National, State and Local Levels; and Board Members of Governing Bodies.

Robert Leighninger, Presiding

Frontier Country - Sheraton

TUESDAY, JULY 17, 1979

8:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION AND VOLUNTEERS

Discussion Leader: Owen R. Davis

Recorder: Huesten Collingwood

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 1979

3:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m.

BOARD-STAFF RELATIONSHIPS

Discussion Leader: Fred McDonald

Panel: William Gallagher, Louis H. Rives

THURSDAY, JULY 19, 1979

3:45 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Discussion Leader: R.T. "Deacon" Millard

Panel: Don B. Vest; Roy Addington; Ruth Sherman

BUSINESS MEETING

Election of Officers

GROUP 2

Rehabilitation and Employment Services

Pinkney Seal Presiding

Continental Room - Skirvin

TUESDAY, JULY 17, 1979

4:15 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

PANEL Donald Sims, Moderator

The Rehabilitation Counselor's Responsibilities to the Client and to the Public George A. Magers

The Rehabilitation Counselor's Responsibilities to the Client and to the Public George A. Magers

Current Theory, Philosophy, and Practice of Job Development and Placement Louis Viececi

Group Discussion

Technology Creates New Employment

Opportunities Susan B. Phillips

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 1979

3:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m.

PANEL George Arsnow, Moderator

VOCATIONAL EVALUATION AND WORK ADJUSTMENT

A Brief History- Current Problems and Need Levels of Blind and Deaf-Blind Persons Tandy Culpepper

Modification and Use of Work Evaluation and Adjustment Components Jerome R. Lorenz, Ed.D.

Innovations and Current Practices Billy S. Sparkman

A STUDY OF CAREERS IN SCIENCE FOR BLIND AND VISUALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS Corinne Kirchner

THURSDAY, JULY 19, 1979

3:45 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

BUSINESS MEETING

Election of Officers

GROUP 3

Social Case Services

Edward W. Werden, Presiding

Great Plains Country - Sheraton

TUESDAY, JULY 17, 1979

8:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

PANEL Milton Samuelson, Moderator
**THE SOCIAL WORKER - AN UNTAPPED
 RESOURCE** Thomas S. Baldwin
**GRADUATE EDUCATION IN SOCIAL WORK FOR THE BLIND AT
 THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL
 HILL** John F. Heimerdinger, Mervin J. Flander

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 1979

3:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m.

PANEL Edward W. Werden, Moderator
THE UNTAPPED RESOURCES OF SOCIAL WORKERS
 Intake Assessment Eileen Hancock
 Individual Casework Julie Gonzalez
 Group Counseling and Low Vision Patients Donna Emerson
**FACING VISUAL LOSS - THERAPEUTIC GROUP COUNSELING
 WITH THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED.**

THURSDAY, JULY 19, 1979

3:45 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

**ONE YEAR PROJECT TO FIND UNSERVED OLDER
 BLIND** Irene Osborne
BUSINESS MEETING
 Election of Officers

GROUP 4

Services for Children and Youth

Susan J. Spungin, Ed.D., Presiding

Plaza North - Sheraton

TUESDAY, JULY 17, 1979

4:15 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

**THE EFFECTS OF PUBLIC
 LAW 94-142** Susan J. Spungin, Ed.D.
 Film "No Two Alike"

THE CONCERNS OF THE HANDICAPPED Chester P. Avery

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 1979

8:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

FINGER MATH FOR THE BLIND Ed Lieberthal

THURSDAY, JULY 19, 1979

3:45 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

**EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGIES - NOT JUST FOR
EFFICIENCY BUT ALSO FOR NEW HUMANIZING SERVICES,
AN ITALIAN APPROACH Dr. Massimo Campo**

THE ROLE AND PURPOSE OF INTEREST GROUP 4

BUSINESS MEETING

Election of Officers

GROUP 5

Literary and Library Services

Jesse Anderson, Presiding

Crystal Room -Skirvin

TUESDAY, JULY 17, 1979

8:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

TECHNOLOGY AND READING IN THE 80's

Moderator: Richard H. Evanson

A Development Manufacturer's Perspective Lee Brown

Technology and the Braille Codes Ralph McCracken

Development Testing and Evaluation at the Library
of Congress Richard Evanson

BUSINESS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 1979

3:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m.

READING SYSTEMS FOR BLIND

PEOPLE James C. Bliss, Ph.D., Chairperson

3:30 Paperless Braille Communication: A New Challenge
to the Field Vito Proscia

- 3:50 Second Birth of Braille Oleg Tetriakoff, Ph.D.
- 4:10 Kurzweil Computer Products - Development in Print-to-Speech;
Text-to-Speech; Print-to-Braille Raymond Kurzweil
- 4:50 National Library Service evaluation of Cassette Braille
Devices Richard Evanson

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3:45 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

PANEL Travis Harris, Moderator

John Mulvihill, Phillip Hess, Kent Bowers,
Rev. Boniface L. Wittenbrink, Rosie Hurwitz

RADIO READING SERVICE PROJECTS FOR THE 80's

GROUP 6

Group Services - Recreation, Day Centers, Residences

INDEPENDENT LIVING WORKSHOPS

Gary Everhart, Presiding

Regency Room - Skirvin

TUESDAY, JULY 17, 1979

4:15 p.m.-5:45 p.m.

PANEL Gary Everhart, Moderator

Representatives:

The Center for Independent Living, New York

Perkins School for the Blind

The Virginia Rehabilitation Center

Criss Cole Rehabilitation Center

Independent Living for Adult Blind at Florida Jr. College

A "Round Robin" discussion of a variety of Independent Living Programs
around the United States.

DISCUSSION PERIOD

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 1979

8:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

PANEL Ms. Pat Pound, Moderator

Members: Joe Fallin
Elaine Roberts

Information sharing concerning National ILRP Legislation, community resources, advocacy and protective services, transportation needs, etc.

THURSDAY, JULY 19, 1979

3:45 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

RECREATION: A Fun Approach To Rehabilitation

PANEL Hollie Clarke, Moderator
Techniques and ideas for a recreation program for the visually impaired.

GROUP 7

Low Vision

Randall T. Jose, O.D., Presiding 18th Century Room - Sheraton

TUESDAY, JULY 17, 1979

8:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

UNDERSTANDING LOW VISION OPTICS Brian Brown, O.D.

The prescription of, and training in the use of, any low vision aid is predicated upon an understanding of the aids optical systems; therefore, adequate low vision care must encompass the knowledge of optics presented in this session.

7:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m. 20th Century Room - Sheraton

LOW VISION IN SWEDEN Krister Inde

The practice and philosophy of low vision in Sweden. A chance to assess your philosophy on an international level.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 1979

3:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m.

**VOCATIONAL APPLICATION OF
LOW VISION AIDS** Bob McGillivray & Susan Phillips

A chance to learn and share ideas regarding the application of low vision aids to vocational activities. This will be an interactive session.

THURSDAY, JULY 19, 1979

3:45 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

BUSINESS MEETING

- Report from Nominating Committee
- Topics for Next (1981) National
- Selection of New Regional Coordinators
- Directions for Low Vision Interest Group
- General Discussion on Expanding Membership
- Budget
- Minutes & Treasurer Report Dick Simms
- Nomination of Officers
- Architectural Concerns Committee Report Kent Tyler Wardell
- Ethics Committee Report Mike Bina
- By-Laws Committee Report
- Old Business
- New Business
- Election Results
- Transfer of Gavel
- Remarks Kent Tyler Wardell

GROUP 9

Orientation and Mobility

Robert Mills, Presiding 18th Century Room - Sheraton

MONDAY, JULY 16, 1979

5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

**MECHANICAL VIBROTACTILE AND ACOUSTICAL
CHARACTERISTICS OF NON-RIGID
CANES Marvin Berkowitz, Ph.D.**

TUESDAY, JULY 17, 1979

4:15 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

**FUNCTIONAL VISION EVALUATION AND TRAINING - A
Matter of Role Responsibilities Being
Defined Randall T. Jose, O.D., Kent Carter, Vicki Berg**

7:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Certification Committee Report Frank Ryan
Certification Review Committee Report C. Besdin
Ad Hoc Committee on University of Pittsburgh

PRESENTATION OF BLAHA AWARD
WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 1979

8:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

**HOW THE ORIENTATION & MOBILITY SPECIALIST CAN
SERVE THE DOG GUIDE USER** Theodore H. Zuybrichi
Vincent Syracuse, Peter Lang, Ray Underwood

THURSDAY, JULY 19, 1979

3:45 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

BUSINESS MEETING:

GROUP 10

Business Enterprises

W.A. Culberson, Presiding Green Country - Sheraton

TUESDAY, JULY 17, 1979

8:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

PANEL: Celso Chavez, Moderator

The Federal Agency's Responsibilities in Securing Vending
Facilities on Federal Property Charles Freeman

The State Licensing Agency's Responsibilities in Securing
Vending Facilities on Federal Property John E. Brewer

The Elected Committee of Blind Vendors' Responsibilities in Securing
Vending Facilities on Federal Property Art Clark

GROUP DISCUSSION

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 1979

8:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

Developing Uniform Standards for Certification of Business Enterprises
Program Personnel Danny McDaniel

Survey Findings Kathy Brown

Group Discussion and Development of Standards for Certification

THURSDAY, JULY 19, 1979

3:45 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

BUSINESS MEETING

Election of Officers
Transfer of Gavel

GROUP 11

Rehabilitation Teachers

David Search, Presiding

Venetian Room - Skirvin

MONDAY, JULY 16, 1979

5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

BUSINESS MEETING David Search, Presiding
Presentation of the Bruce McKenzie Award

TUESDAY, JULY 17, 1979

4:15 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

CONTINUATION OF WORKSHOP

DIABETIC MANAGEMENT Thomas Hanson, Ed.D., Chairperson
Janice Crews
Alice Raftary
Barbara Jean Hofmann

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 1979

8:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

CONTINUATION OF WORKSHOP

UTILIZATION OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Introduction: Norman Dalke

Douglas Inkster, Ed.D.
Alvin Roberts

Reactors: Judy Pool
Virginia Offutt

3:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m.

CONTINUATION OF WORKSHOP

**MOTIVATION AND ASSESSMENT OF THE
ELDERLY** Michael Nelipovich, Chairperson

Perry Thompson, Ph.D.
Mary Morrison

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3:45 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

BUSINESS MEETING

GROUP 12

Sheltered Workshops

Harold Richterman, Presiding

Kiamichi Room - Sheraton

TUESDAY, JULY 17, 1979

8:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

THE FUTURE OF SERVICES TO MULTIHANDICAPPED BLIND PERSONS William B. Joslin, Moderator

Presentor: Harold Richterman

**Reactors: William Coppage
LeRoy Saunders**

GROUP DISCUSSION

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 1979

3:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m.

THE PUBLIC, THE CONSUMER, AND YOU William B. Joslin Moderator

Presentor: Deacon Millard

**Reactors: M. Conrad Range, Jr.
Roy Addington**

GROUP DISCUSSION

THURSDAY, JULY 19, 1979

3:45 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

BUSINESS MEETING

Election of Officers

Discussion of Pertinent Problems

- a. Recap of 2 sessions of Tuesday & Wednesday
- b. Sharing of Problems
 - 1) Media Impact
 - 2) Public Impact
 - 3) State/Private Agency Relationships

Future Programming for Group 12

What are our Challenges?

GROUP 13

Deaf-Blind Services

Dean Wyrick, C.R.C., Presiding

Balinese Room - Skirvin

TUESDAY, JULY 17, 1979

8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.

BUSINESS MEETING

9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m. Constance A. Gant, Chairperson

OVERVIEW

The Rehabilitation Program George A. Magers

The Deaf-Blind Children's Program Robert Dantona

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 1979 (Regency Room - this Session only)

3:45 p.m.-4:45 p.m. Dean Wyrick, Chairperson

**BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN THE CHILDREN'S PROGRAM
AND VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION** William Blea, Ed.D.

4:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m.

BUSINESS MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 19, 1979

3:45 p.m.-4:45 p.m. Constance A. Gant, Chairperson

EXISTING REHABILITATION PROGRAMS Theodore Lockett
Edward McCoy

4:45 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

BUSINESS MEETING

GROUP 14

Secretaries

Ethel Kennedy, Presiding

Red Carpet Room - Sheraton

MONDAY, JULY 16, 1979

5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

WELCOME, Get Acquainted Preliminaries

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT
NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT
WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE REPORT**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 1979

8:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

THE ART OF COMMUNICATION Keith Thrasher
QUESTION AND ANSWERS

THURSDAY, JULY 19, 1979

3:45 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Newly Elected Chairperson
Presiding

Reading of Draft Bylaws, Discussion and Finalizing Bylaws
Committee Appointments
Completion of Any Unfinished Business

ADJOURN

AAWB RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were approved by the AAWB membership on July 19, 1979:

RESOLUTION 79-01

WHEREAS, Congress has passed enabling legislation for a White House Conference on Aging to meet in 1981, and

WHEREAS, the ultimate goal of the Conference is to provide a more productive and meaningful life for all older Americans, and

WHEREAS, aging people comprise over 65 percent of the visually impaired population in the United States, and

WHEREAS, the incidence of visual impairment increases with age, and

WHEREAS, there is a pressing need to create a broader awareness of aging visually impaired people and their circumstances, and

WHEREAS, there is a pressing need for greater commitment by both generic and specialized agencies serving aging visually impaired people, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the American Association of Workers for the Blind is to tender all possible assistance in the promotion, development and improvement of services to visually impaired persons in the Americas,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the membership of the American Association of Workers for the Blind assembled in Convention this 19th day of July,

1979 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, charge the President of the AAWB to develop positions and recommendations for submission to the White House Conference on Aging, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That members of the AAWB participate in preparation for the White House Conference at all levels.

RESOLUTION 79-02

WHEREAS, the massive energy required to direct and provide leadership to the American Association of Workers for the Blind is recognized,

WHEREAS, Mary K. Bauman, members of the Board and Officers, have brought together all resources to charge the association to a more productive mission,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the American Association of Workers for the Blind commends Mary K. Bauman and all those responsible for leadership provided the American Association of Workers for the Blind.

RESOLUTION 79-03

WHEREAS, mass transportation systems are vitally important to the blind of America; and

WHEREAS, the blind and handicapped have long been enthusiastic supporters and users of existing mass transit systems; and

WHEREAS, mass transit in many areas of the country is non-

existent or severely limited; and

WHEREAS, some systems of mass transit have been and continue to be inaccessible to some handicapped Americans; and

WHEREAS, mass transportation is a fuel efficient form of transportation; and

WHEREAS, mass transportation should be made attractive to all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the American Association of Workers for the Blind is concerned with the good and welfare of the blind and all handicapped citizens;

BE IT RESOLVED, by the American Association of Workers for the Blind, meeting in convention in Oklahoma City, that this Association commends the federal government on the announced decision to devote \$10 Billion to the development and expansion of mass transit systems, and this Association expresses its support for this minimum level of funding for the development and expansion of mass transit systems, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the American Association of Workers for the Blind supports the concept of full accessibility for all handicapped persons in mass transit systems; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that energy independence of foreign oil is of utmost concern to the blind and all handicapped citizens, not only for transportation needs but also for the very existence of our economic system. The American Association of Workers for the Blind salutes the President for his call to

regain national confidence and pride in our country which has done so very much for blind and handicapped persons.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, our pride as Americans in the many accomplishments of the blind and handicapped gives us hope for an even more fruitful and productive era of working within our independent communities for the common good of all blind citizens.

RESOLUTION 79-04

WHEREAS, the American Association of Workers for the Blind does not have an organizational vehicle for continuing communication between interest groups, and,

WHEREAS, the American Association of Workers for the Blind has fourteen interest groups with separate interests and with identifiable governing documents, and,

WHEREAS, the potential for the development of more special interest group areas is recognized,

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the American Association of Workers for the Blind create a council of interest group chairpersons to continue a dialogue of communications among the various interest groups,

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that two persons, preferably the immediate past chairperson and current chairperson, be members of the council. Let it be resolved that this council serve as a resource body to the board.

RESOLUTION 79-05

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the American Association of Workers for the Blind has gone on record in support of the creation of a Department of Education at the cabinet level with the inclusion of Rehabilitation Services Administration and the Bureau for the Blind and Visually Handicapped, and

WHEREAS, the Bureau for Blind and Visually Handicapped within Rehabilitation Services Administration was established to assure that the administration of state vocational rehabilitation programs for the blind and the administration of state vocational rehabilitation programs for the blind and the administration of the Randolph-Sheppard Vending Facility program would not be subordinated to other programs, and,

WHEREAS, S 210 and HR 2444 establishing a new Department of Education including the Rehabilitation Services Administration as passed by the House and Senate do not make it clear that the Bureau for Blind and Visually Handicapped shall retain identity and administrative position, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the American Association of Workers for the Blind urges that the House and Senate conferees clearly delineate the maintenance of the Bureau for Blind and Visually Handicapped.

RESOLUTION 79-06

WHEREAS, the American Association of Workers for the Blind commends those members responsible for planning and implementing the National Conference held in Oklahoma City, July 15 to 19, 1979, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the American Association of Workers for the Blind expresses its appreciation to the city of Oklahoma City, the State of Oklahoma, local arrangements personnel, and the many business and commercial enterprises who made this conference successful,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that special recognition is made to the Skirvin Plaza and the Sheraton Century Hotel for their outstanding assistance in conducting the National Conference.

TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE AAWB MEMBERSHIP

As Distributed

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WORKERS FOR THE BLIND, INC.
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1978

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash - Union First National Bank - Checking	\$ 127	
- Home Federal Savings and Loan Association - Savings	23,149	
- Home Federal - MacFarland Fund - Savings	5,247	
Petty Cash	15	
Certificate of Deposit - Home Federal Savings and Loan Association	13,725	
Certificates of Deposit - Northwestern Federal Savings and Loan Association	<u>36,561</u>	
Total Current Assets		\$ 78,824

FIXED ASSETS

Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	\$ 5,303	
Leasehold Improvements	<u>689</u>	
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 5,992	
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(5,696)</u>	
Net Fixed Assets		<u>296</u>

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 79,120

EXHIBIT A

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WORKERS FOR THE BLIND, INC.

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1978

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$ 471
Payroll Taxes Payable	1,171
Retirement Fund Payable	96
Prepaid Dues - Agency	8,690
- Annual	10,355
- Life	1,789
- Secretary	205
- Student	<u>193</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES

\$ 22,970

COMMITMENT

Fund Balances (Exhibit B)

56,150

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

\$ 79,120

GENERAL FUNDEXHIBIT BREVENUE

Membership Dues - Agency	\$ 15,902
- Annual	41,542
- Life	4,858
- New Outlook	69
- Secretary	1,550
- Student	903
Computer	400
Donations	1,000
Interest	4,762
Publication of Blindness	818
Rehabilitation Teachers Certificate	228
Travel	800
Xerox Machine	4
Other	<u>194</u>

TOTAL REVENUE \$ 73,030

EXPENSES (Schedule B-1) 68,019

EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES 5,011

FUND BALANCE - January 1, 1978 45,892

FUND BALANCE - December 31, 1978 \$ 50,903

MACFARLAND FUNDREVENUE

Contributions	\$ 5,103
Interest	<u>144</u>

TOTAL REVENUE \$ 5,247

FUND BALANCE - January 1, 1978 -0-

FUND BALANCE - December 31, 1978 \$ 5,247

TOTAL FUND BALANCES (Exhibit A) \$ 56,150

SCHEDULE B-1

GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Accounting	\$ 2,125
Brailling	427
Committee and Board Expense	2,344
Depreciation	319
Donations	500
Dues and Subscriptions	850
Equipment Rental	143
Insurance - Employee	1,446
- General	674
Miscellaneous Expense	1,307
National Convention Expense	130
New Outlook - American Foundation	194
Office Expense	383
Outside Services	854
Plaques and Awards	678
Postage and Freight	3,876
Printing and Handling	6,178
Repairs and Maintenance	130
Retirement Plan Expense	605
Retirement Plan Expense - Prior Year	482
Rent	6,025
Salaries - Executive Director	9,520
- Office Manager	11,020
- Part-Time	7,779
Supplies	861
Taxes - Payroll	1,960
Telephone	1,626
Travel	4,049
Xeroxing and Duplicating	<u>1,534</u>
<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u> (Exhibit B)	<u>\$ 68,019</u>

This entire report is unaudited.

REPORT OF THE HISTORY AND MEMORIAL COMMITTEE OF THE
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WORKERS FOR THE BLIND

C. Warren Bledsoe, Chairman

The chairperson of the History and Memorial Committee regrets deeply that he is unable to be present at this conference to give this report in person. He sends his warmest greetings to the members and wishes that your deliberations will fertilize your creativity, and lead you gently out of whatever frustrations you have; individually and collectively.

Once again we are at the brief interlude in the business of the conference when we turn our attention to our colleagues who have died during the biennium, and think about them as they reflect the meaning of life in our profession. Workers for the blind are not much given to heroics among themselves, yet they do recognize certain degrees or roles which they assign to each other almost imperceptibly. We tried to identify these at the last conference as:

1. status figures,
2. hewers and haulers,
3. inventors,
4. shining examples,
5. counselors of state,
6. philosophers,
7. saints.

But perhaps more than in any other field, work for the blind ranks all service the same. And as in the Abbey Theater there are no small parts.

This year we have lost from among our retirees a member who

exemplified that principle throughout his entire life. This was Maurice Tynan, who in 1956 received the Ambrose M. Shotwell Award. He had recently retired as chief of services to the blind in what was then the Federal Security Administration, where he succeeded Joseph Clunk, who established the principle once and for all that there should be categorical services for the blind at the Federal level. In the rising clamor for melding the categories, Maurice Tynan had his work cut out for him. But he was well schooled for his task. Visually handicapped himself, he was a graduate of the fountainhead of learning on blindness, the Perkins School in 1914. Moreover, he received his baptism of fire and ice with one of the rare saints of the field, Florence Birchard in the placement program of the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind. Their mottoes were "God is Love" and "Hang on long enough until the other person likes you." The program once placed a blind retarded client 12 times before she found a permanent, satisfactory means of livelihood.

In awarding Mr. Tynan the Shotwell Medal Peter Salmon said, "It is difficult for many to realize what an uphill job it was back in 1919, and for many years thereafter . . . these were formative years for many agencies for the blind that have since developed large progressive programs, but with each position

that Maurice undertook, he advanced the cause of the blind. Above all he weathered the slow and oft-times tedious and frustrating machinery of government." His colleagues who had known him over the years felt that for that alone he deserved a medal. This was at a time when even the appointees of Franklin Roosevelt were saying that the Federal Rehabilitation program should not be "large, technical or expensive."

In fact Mr. Tynan's own modest pride was invested almost exclusively in the practical. Nothing caused him so much joy as bringing a cow and a blind dairyman together to start a modest, but wholesome business. And the technical handbook for vocational counselors of the blind developed by Clunk's colleagues is a neglected classic. It was very detailed and specific, represented thousands of hours of thought and work.

It seems likely that if those members of the AAWB who have died in the last year could choose one of their number to represent pure and simple work for the blind within the gates, Maurice Tynan would be chosen.

Their company includes another person who could be articulate in councils on behalf of blind people. She was unlike Mr. Tynan in everything, except that she like him was one of that fast dwindling band of citizens whose characters had formed before 1914 and had a sureness about themselves and the world which seems to be a vanishing trait. Miss Isabella Diamond, after a distinguished career as librarian of the U.S. Treasury, brought her talents to services for the blind as founding editor of the AAWB's BLINDNESS ANNUAL. A classicist and a humanist her editorial policy repersonalized writing about work for the blind and gave space to the idea that personalities are an important element in the rehabilitation formula. Science was given space, but even poetry was not excluded.

This gave space in the annual to the poetry of another member of the Association whom we have lost in the last year--Richard Kinney, executive vice president of the Hadley School. One of his poems in BLINDNESS 1971 seems to bid a cheering farewell to us, from the members we have lost. It says:

INVITATION

Through rain and rainbows let us walk
And pause and ponder as we talk
Of beauty, burning like an ember,
That you see . . . and I remember.

Let us lean against the sky
Westward where the echoes die,
Each sound that your quick ear gives
Sifted for me through silent sieves . . .

Once on a sunshine-dappled day,
I heard a blind girl, musing, say:
"I cannot see the stars but I
Enfold within my soul a sky!"

So if a sky enfolding you
Bends close about us, then we two
Walk with a sky within, without . . .
Heaven's about us, all about!

And every bird-enchanted breeze
Gathers us treasures from the seas!
And every flower from the life-lush sods
Fountains us nectar from the gods!

Dream upon dream, our pulses beat
With dust and stars beneath our feet-
With stars and dust that, overhead,
Beckon to worlds unlimited . . .

The members we have lost during
the biennium were:

Irving Axelrod, Texas
Kenneth Beal, Oklahoma
Grace Neal Cashwell, North Carolina
Mary Helen Cook, New York
Dorothy Corvin, Virginia
J. Kenneth Cozier, Ohio
Joseph Billy Delbridge, Virginia
Isabella Diamond, Washington, D.C.
Evan Enquist, South Dakota
Thomas Maybern Gibbs, Florida
Lawrence Hapeman, Illinois
Charles Hicko, New York
David Keith, California
Arthur S. Keller, New York
Richard Kinney, Illinois
Catherine A. Manning, Delaware

Frank McBride, Oklahoma
Laura S. Miller, North Carolina
Betty Jo Moffett, Virginia
Mrs. D. J. Munn, Canada
Stephen Orcutt, New York
Robert J. Prause, New York
Elizabeth Rusk, Canada
William Schmand, Maryland
Maurice Tynan, Florida
Mary Wharton, Tennessee
Ruth E. Williams, New York
Herbert Wolfe, Maryland

In place of the customary moment
of silence, I ask you to applaud
the lives of these colleagues who
are no longer here.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee of the American Association of Workers for the Blind met in the offices of the National Industries for the Blind in Washington, D.C., on Tuesday, May 1, 1979. In addition to the Chairman, members present were Margaret L. Bluhm, Constance A. Gant, John A. Horst, Ethel A. Kennedy, Sam LoPresti, Richard Schuricht and Pearce J. Thompson. Member absent: John Millen.

At that time, the Committee agreed upon the following slate of officers and Board members to be nominated at the 1979 Convention in Oklahoma City:

President-Elect

William Coppage

Secretary

Roger Rouse

Treasurer

William Gallagher

Board Member at Large

Alice Berry
James Cordell
W. A. Culberson
Philip Hatlen
Gil Johnson
Fred Silver

In accordance with the association's bylaws, the Chairman read the report of the Nominating Committee at the first general session on Monday, July 16, 1979.

At the second general session on Tuesday, July 18, 1979, the

Chairman read the slate of candidates once again, after which President Bauman, in accordance with provisions in the bylaws, asked for nominations from the floor for the post of President-Elect. There being none, William Coppage was duly elected to this office.

President Bauman asked for nominations from the floor for the position of Secretary. There being none, Roger Rouse was duly elected as Secretary. The President then asked for nominations from the floor for the position of Treasurer. There being none, William Gallagher was duly re-elected for a second term as Treasurer.

The President then asked for nominations from the floor for Board Member at Large. The following individuals were duly nominated from the floor: Betty Bird, David Loux and Louis Vieceli.

In accordance with provisions in the bylaws, the Nominating Committee made arrangements to conduct an election for Board Member at Large, with the polls being open from 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. The election was by secret ballot. Eligibility for voting required evidence that the individual had paid both conference registration fee and current annual dues. There being a choice of nine candidates, it was ruled that all ballots, to be valid, must be marked with votes for exactly six candidates, no more, nor less.

There were 279 ballots cast, with seven declared invalid. The six candidates for Board Member at Large receiving the largest number of votes cast were Alice Berry, Betty Bird, James Cordell, W. A. Culberson, David Loux and Louis Vieceli. These individuals were declared winners of the election.

The Chairman announced the results of the election at the Shotwell Awards Banquet on Wednesday, July 18, 1979.

In addition to your Chairman,

other Nominating Committee members who assisted with the election were Constance A. Gant, Ethel A. Kennedy, Richard Schuricht and Pearce J. Thompson. Your Chairman expresses thanks to these individuals, as well as John Maxson and Carleater Holmes, of the staff, for their able assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Stuart Grout
Chairman

REPORT OF ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY
CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Frank Ryan, Chairman

Below are the names of candidates who were approved for AAWB Mobility Instructor Certification by the AAWB Board of Directors at their meeting in July, 1979 in Oklahoma City.

As Chairman of the Committee responsible for compiling applicant data relative to the Certification process, it is my duty and pleasure to state that each and all of the below-named mobility instructors have fully met the established qualifications for the level of Mobility Instructor Certification for which they have been recommended.

Permanent Certification
Candidates

Besden, Cheryl L.
Bucci, Patricia C.
Burton, Robert S.
del Barco, Anne M.
Dosch, Thomas G.
Elliott, Jeffry L.
Hochreiter, Shelley C.
Ketterer, Hannelore E.
McMahon, Eugene P.
Oien, Gordon W.
Owens, Marjorie A.
Schwartz, Ina D.
Takacs, Robert P.
Williams, Cecilia K.
Wills, Deborah S.

Wilmot, Patrick F.
Zaffore, Kathleen M.

Provisional Certification
Candidates

Allen, Patricia
Beane, Teresa L.
Chapman, Susan L.
Drossin, Penny L.
Eddy, Rhonda V.
Falk, Clarence D.
Fong, JoAnne C.
Greene, Janet I.
Hatlen, Philip H.
Hennessy, Nancy V.
Huebner, Kathleen M.
Hurwitz, Mindy H.
Liberti-Davidson, Gina L.
Low, JoAnne
Niedermaier, Gerald J.
O'Brien, Mary B.
Sevcik, Gail P.
Tittle, Janice C.
White, Keith D.
Wiener, Linda J.
Wolf, Vicky
Zwald, Kathy J.

Since the inception of the AAWB Mobility Instructor Certification Process, a total of 404 persons have received PERMANENT Certification and 484 have received PROVISIONAL Certification.

REPORT OF ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY COMMITTEE

Frank Ryan, Chairman

Below are the names of candidates who were approved for AAWB Mobility Instructor Certification by the AAWB Board of Directors at their meeting on May 1, 1979.

As Chairman of the Committee responsible for compiling applicant data relative to this Certification process, it is my pleasure to state that each and all of the below named mobility instructors have fully met the established qualifications for the level of Mobility Instructor for which they have been recommended.

Permanent Certification

Candidates

Berner, Catherine L.
Bina, Michael J.
Clapp, John M.
Cote, Paul E.
Correira, June Ann
Dyer, Charleye
Hazard, Willis Jr.
Hughes, Michael C.
Mathis, Donna M.
Newman, Kathleen M.
Rector, Douglas E.
Satterlee, Pamela E.
Seeley, Harriet B.
Seever, Barbara B.
Shane, Karen G.
Strauss, Judy L.
Watson, Laurel L.

Provisional Certification

Candidates

Bennet-Alder, Patrice
Betterley, Stephen A.
Boutin, Michele I.

Chernosky, Larry J.
Christian, Ecedro D.
Christopher, Edward U.
Couturier, Julie Anne
Davis, Sellie S.
Delaney, Kevin B.
D'Ippolito, Laurence R.
Dodt, Deborah J.
Duvall, Nancy L.
Eddy, Christine A.
Fasko Sabo, Marie M.
Fleming, Jeanne M.
Gannon, Cheryl L.
Green, James H.
Hicks, William E. Jr.
Hochreiter, Shelley C.
Israel, Paul I.
Kotkov, Frances A.
La Bounty, René
McDermott, Doris T.
Mancini, Marylou
Miller, Terrysue
Nahm, Helen
Parker, Terry R.
Peebles, Elizabeth A.
Principe, Teresa E.
Ratelle, Agathe
Riley, Sandra R.
Robinson, Judith L.
Rosen, Sandra J.
Schaer, James L.
Schmidt, Kathy B.
Siegel, James H.
Simmons, David K.
Smith, Burnsteen R.
Stevens, Julia J.
Stewart, Jane E.
Tomasik, Margaret M.
Tucker, Kathryn L.
Vogl, Sally J.
Weaver, Irene E.
Welch, James P.
Wenrich, Cynthia C.
Woodburn, Bill

REPORT OF ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY
CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Frank Ryan, Chairman

Below are the names of applicants for AAWB Mobility Instructor Certification who were approved for either Provisional or Permanent Certification. As Chairman of the Committee responsible for receiving and verifying applicant data, it is my pleasure to verify that each of the below named applicants has presented evidence of meeting the existing qualification requirements for the level of AAWB Mobility Instructor Certification being applied for. This committee submitted their names for Certification approval by the AAWB Board of Directors at their meeting in November 1978.

For Provisional Certification

Arrington, Sam B.
Arterbury, Diane M.
Bauer, Joni D.
Bonner, Antonia D.
Bonynges, Anne E.
Bucci, Patricia C.
Choy, Priscilla Y.
Davis, Joyce C.
Ferguson, Stephen C.
Foley, Kathleen M.
Heffernan, Peggy M.
Hemming, Ann M.
Jay, Glenn R.
Jones, Walter K.
Katz, Shari L.
LeBous, Carlene M.
Levin, Maxine F.
Love, Judy
Mathis, Donna M.
Mlotek, Ruth F.
Neibaur, Janice H.

Neufeld, Shari B.
Pfotenbauer, Martin E.
Phalen, Daniel A.
Pini, Michael A.
St. Jean, Denise
Samford, Dennis
Savage, Robert C.
Small, Wendy J.
Staley, Kay L.
Teichholz, Judy L.
Transon, Robert E.
Vezina, Claude
Wright, William B.
Zeluck, Joan I.

For Permanent Certification

Bauserman, Charles M.
Boe, Eric N.
Borkon, Michael S.
Day, Robert A.
Goodrich, Hera W.
Hale, Jean E.
Hancock, Virginia L.
Harren, Patricia
MacIvor, Roberta F.
Marsh, Mimi L.
Miller, Carol S.
Mattison-Shupnick, Ilene J.
Sauerburger, Dona J.
Smedley, Kenneth W.
Uslan, Mark M.
Webb, Gayla S.

Frank Ryan
Chairman

REPORT OF ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY
CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Frank Ryan, Chairman

Candidates Approved for
Permanent Certification
May 1, 1978

Bentley, Gary L.
Berinati, William E.
Blasch, Bernard G.
Conte, John S.
Dwyer, Margaret M.
Hurd, Catherine B.
Kelly, Genevieve M.
Kessler, Robert J.
Kitzhoffer, Gerald
Kording, Donald
Lewis, Harold J.
Magid, Lynn F.
Popko, Ronald D.
Shapiro, Jannie B.
Walker, Susan E.
Johnson, Scott B.

Candidates Approved for
Provisional Certification
May 1, 1978

Bane, Mark C.
Bensoul, Zahava R.
Bernardi, Linda M.
Berley, Karen R.
Bowen, Teresa L.
Bradley, Susan
Brown, Carla J.
Cobb, Elizabeth S.
Cooper, Judy E.
Drumheiser, Sidney P.

Elliott, Jeffry L.
Emery, Ralph R.
Ensor, Scott L.
Gallagher, Thomas
Harris, Judy A.
Hughes, Michael F.
Joseph, Mindy M.
Kevil, Charles P.
Kinat, Kati H.
Knox, Kathleen G.
Langham, Thomas J.
Martyn, Leslie A.
Miller, Harold L.
Montgomery, Diana L.
Neely, John F.
O'Mara, Kathleen T.
Patak, Richard J.
Primrose, Maureen L.
Rain, Jayne S.
Rainer, Barbara
Rosenblatt, Ellen M.
Schmitt, Dolores
Selig, Linda L.
Signorat, Monique C.
Smith, Bonnie L.
Sutorius, Shirley
Swanson, Janice N.
Taylor, Barbara A.
Tendler, Cathy
Rogers, Victoria L.
White, Melanie
Whittle, Faith E.
Wilhelmus, Don A.

REPORT OF ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY
CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Frank Ryan, Chairman

Since July, 1977 the Orientation and Mobility Certification Committee had received or had pending fifty-one (56) applications for certification approval. Below is a description of the action taken on these applications.

30 applications were recommended for Provisional Certification

15 applications are recommended for Permanent Certification

0 applications were not recommended for certification

10 applications are pending receipt of further support data

1 application is pending receipt of action by this committee regarding the adequacy of the university training program

The chairperson of this committee, Frank Ryan, verifies that for each of the persons listed below, all appropriate and necessary data have been received in compliance with the established requirements for the respective levels of certification by this Association.

Persons approved for AAWB
Mobility Certification:

Provisional Certification

Baubach, JoAnn

Berreckman, Rhe Nell
Buchanan, Don R.
Chalmers, Thomas W.
Clark, Deanna Durr
Ewald, Luanne R.
Galanopoulos, Alexandra M.
Giorski, Richard S.
Green, Elizabeth Ann
Holub, Wanda H.
Horton, Jonathan K.
Hughes, Michael C.
Humble, Rodney B.
Kelly-Lynch, Linda G.
Kowalski, Teresa A.
Lawlor, James J.
Lee, Carolyn A.
Lees, George A.
McCammon, Mikel A.
MacKay, Jody G.
Maile, Randi R.
Manee, Jill E.
Manger, H. Lynn
Maxon, Pamela
Pascuzzi, Denise H.
Rector, Douglas
Susarret, Delia R.
Testa, Susan L.
Weil, Michele A.
Wiederhold, Ann D.

Permanent Certification

Branch, Charles E.
Bruns, Lorraine
Corbett, Michael P. Sr.
Curtis, Cynthia K.
DePur, Elly
Dooley, Glen E.
Grimmelsman, Thomas A.
McCloskey, William P.
McLaughlin, Dan P.
Newby, Orrin L.
Ricknan, Jacqueline C.

Schuler, Irene N.
Wadsworth, Jay A.
Webb, Gertruida C.
Werner, Dawn F.

John Ferraro
Stephen Sanford
Michael Herron
Susan Steeley
Audrey Smith (AEVH Representative)
Jan Siegrist (AEVH Representative)

Committee Members:

Frank Ryan (Chairperson)
Lynne Davis

ASCRIBERS TO THE CODE OF ETHICS OF
ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY SPECIALISTS

Total: 327

This registry contains the names of all practitioners who submitted a pledge to the Ethics Committee, or who ascribed to the Code as part of the certification process and whose names were sent by the Certification Committee to the Ethics Committee

Adams, Sherrill	Branch, Charles
Albro, Steve	Brown, Carla
Allen, William	Bruns, Lorraine
Arrington, Sam	Bryan, William
Arterbury, Diane	Bucci, Patricia
Baglivo, Elizabeth	Buchanan, Don
Bane, Mark	Byers, Ray
Barber, Ann	Carter, Connie
Barden, Lydia Thomas	Carter, Kent
Bauer, Joni	Chalmers, Thomas
Baumbach, Jo Ann	Chernosky, Larry
Bauserman, Charles	Choy, Priscilla
Bennet-Alder, Patrice	Christian, Ecedro
Bensoul, Zahava	Christopher, Edward
Bentley, Gary	Clapp, John
Berg, Rachel	Clark, Deanna Durr
Berinati, William	Cobb, Lizbeth
Berley, Karen	Conte, John
Bernardi, Linda	Coolman, Vaughn
Berreckman, RheNell	Cooper, Judye
Besden, Cheryl	Cordell, Jim
Betterley, Stephen	Corbett, Michael
Bina, Michael	Cordle, Dan
Bischoff, Fred	Correira, June Ann
Blasch, Bernard	Cory, Dennis
Blasch, Bruce	Cote, Paul
Blasch, Donald	Coughlin, Diane
Boe, Eric	Couturier, Julie Anne
Bohman, Richard	Crouse, Robert
Bonner, Antonia	Cruthirds, Leslie
Bonynge, Anne	Curtis, Cynthia
Borkon, Michael	Davies, Margaret
Boutin, Michele	Davis, Joyce
Bowen, Teresa	Davis, Sellie
Bradley, Susan	Day, Robert
	Dechaine, Gary
	Delaney, Kevin
	DeQuide, Lori
	D'Ippolito, Laurence
	Dittami, Peter
	Dodt, Deborah
	Dooley, Glen
	Doyle, Jim
	Drumheiser, Sidney

duPré, Elly
 Duvall, Nancy
 Dwyer, Margaret
 Dyer, Charleye
 Eddy, Christine
 Eisenberg, Robert
 Elias, Helen
 Fasko Sabo, Marie
 Elliott, Jeffrey
 Emery, Ralph
 Ensor, Scott
 Ewald, Luanne
 Felter, Jeanette
 Ferguson, Stephen
 Finn, William
 Fleming, Jeanne
 Floyd, Janet
 Fluharty, Bill
 Foley, Kathleen
 Galanopoulos, Alexandra
 Gallagher, Thomas
 Gamble, Kevin
 Gannon, Cheryl
 Geruschat, Duane
 Giers, Philip
 Giorski, Richard
 Goodrich, Hera
 Goldberg, Sam
 Green, Elizabeth Ann
 Green, James
 Grimmelsman, Thomas
 Hale, Jean
 Hall, John
 Hancock, Virginia
 Harren, Patricia
 Harris, Judy
 Hassinger, Floyd
 Hazard, Willis
 Healey, Jill
 Healy, Gene
 Heffernan, Peggy
 Hemming, Ann
 Herman, Susan
 Herron, Michael
 Hickey, Ed
 Hicks, William
 Hillsbirg, Bonnie
 Hirsch, Karin
 Hochreiter, Shelley
 Hodge, Gayle
 Holub, Wanda
 Horton, Jonathan

Hoy, Mary-Beth
 Hughes, Michael C.
 Hughes, Michael F.
 Humble, Rodney
 Hurd, Catherine
 Huss, Chuck
 Israel, Paul
 Ivey, Lynn
 Jay, Glenn
 Johnson, Dusty
 Johnson, Philip
 Johnson, Scott
 Jones, Walter
 Joseph, Mindy
 Kambic, Pat
 Katz, Shari
 Kelly, Genevieve
 Kelly-Lynch, Linda
 Kessler, J. Robert
 Ketterer, Hannelore
 Kevil, Charles
 Kinat, Kati
 Kirk, Margaret
 Kitzhoffer, Gerald
 Knox, Kathleen
 Kording, Donald
 Kotkov, Frances
 Kowalski, Teresa
 Krems, Sandra
 Kronick, Marilyn
 Kronick, Sandy
 La Bounty, René
 Langham, Thomas
 Lawler, James
 Lazarus, Rona
 LeBous, Carlene
 Lee, Barbara
 Lee, Carolyn
 Lees, George
 Lessne, Robert
 Levin, Maxine
 Lewis, Harold
 Liska, James
 Love, Judy
 MacIvor, Roberta
 MacKay, Jody
 MacWilliam, Laurie
 Magid, Lynn
 Maile, Randi
 Manee, Jill
 Manger, H. Lynn
 Marsh, Mimi

Martinez, Fred
Martyn, Leslie
Mathis, Donna
Mattison-Shupnick, Ilene
Maxon, Pamela
McCabe, Charles
McCammon, Mikel
McCloskey, William
McDermott, Doris
McKinley, Linda
McLaughlin, Dan
Metcalf, Sally
Miller, Carol
Miller, Harold
Miller, Terrysue
Mills, Robert
Minor, John
Mlotek, Ruth
Montgomery, Diana
Morrison, Kenneth
Morse, Kathy
Nahn, Helen
Neely, John; Neibaur, Janice
Neufeld, Shari
Newby, Orrin
Newcomer, James
Newman, Kathleen
Nye, Joseph
Olson, John
O'Mara, Kathleen
Oppel, Debby
Ouellette, Gisele
Parker, Terry
Pascuzzi, Denise
Patak, Richard
Patten, Marcia
Peebles, Elizabeth
Pfotenhauer, Martin
Phalen, Daniel
Pini, Michael
Popko, Ronald
Primrose, Maureen
Principe, Teresa
Purdy, Joan
Rain, Jayne
Raines, Barbara
Ratelle, Agathe
Rector, Douglas
Rickman, Jacqueline
Riley, Sandra
Robinson, Judith
Rosen, Sandra

Rosenblatt, Ellen
Roth, Charles
St. Jean, Denise
Samford, Dennis
Satterlee, Pamela
Sauerburger, Dona
Savage, Robert
Schas, Robert
Schmidt, Kathy
Schmitt, Dolores
Schuler, Irene
Schwab, Patrick
Seeley, Harriet
Seever, Barbara
Seidberg, Carol
Selig, Linda
Shane, Karen
Shapiro, Jannie
Siegel, James
Siffermann, Eileen
Signorat, Monique
Simmons, David
Simms, Dick
Small, Wendy
Smedley, Kenneth
Smith, Bonnie
Smith, Burnsteen
Springer, W. A.
Staley, Kay
Steniniger, Larry
Stephens, Arline
Stephens, Noel
Stevens, Julia
Stewart, Jane
Stoltz, Nancy
Strauss, Ann
Strauss, Judy
Susarret, Delia
Suterko, Stan
Sutorius, Shirley
Swanson, Janice
Tabor-Beck, Linda
Tapp, Kenneth
Taylor, Barbara
Teicholz, Judy
Tendler, Cathy
Terzieff, Ivan
Testa, Susan
Todd, Karen
Tomasik, Margaret
Transon, Robert
Tucker, Kathryn

Uslan, Mark	Werner, Dawn
Van Valkenburgh, Emily	White, Melanie
Van Wyingarden, Larry	Whittle, Faith
Vezina, Claude	Wiederhold, Ann
Vogl, Sally	Wiener, Linda
Von Schneden, Margaret	Wiener, William
Wadsworth, Jay	Wilhelmus, Don
Walker, Susan	Williams, Cecilia
Wardell, Kent Tyler	Williamson, Ted
Washington Association of Orientation	Wills, Debbie
and Mobility Specialists (WAOMS)	Winer, Michael
Waterfield, Peter	Witter, David
Watson, Laurel	Wolfe, Steve
Weaver, Irene	Wood, Daniel
Webb, Gayla	Wood, Jim
Webb, Gertruida	Woodburn, Bill
Weil, Michele	Wright, Charles
Welch, James	Wright, William
Welsh, Richard	Yablonski, Martin
Wenrich, Cynthia	Zeluck, Joan

REPORT OF THE REHABILITATION TEACHER CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

July 1977 - July 1979

The Rehabilitation Teacher Certification Committee met in Chicago, Illinois on April 5 and 6, 1978; in Saint Louis, Missouri on November 1, 1978 and in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on July 15, 1979 to process applications for certification and to prepare recommendations to interest Group XI for changes in the Requirements for Rehabilitation Teacher Certification.

123 applications were received and the following actions were taken:

59 were approved for Permanent Certification
26 were approved for Provisional Certification
15 were closed as incomplete
10 were received by AAWB Board and held for action at November 1979 Board Meeting
13 were held for processing pending receipt of additional supporting data.

Rehabilitation Teachers Permanently Certified

<u>Name</u>	<u>State of Residence</u>	<u>Date</u>
Bauer, Janet Ann	Illinois	5-10-78
Becker, Roberta Pamela	New York	5-10-78
Goza, Margaret Kylene	Arkansas	5-10-78
Houck, Lani Leary	Hawaii	5-10-78
Johnson, Linda Marie	Ohio	5-10-78
Lyons, Magnolia	District of Columbia	5-10-78
Martin, Virgena Laureen	Kansas	5-10-78
TenBrink, Cheryl Anne	New Mexico	5-10-78
Baird, James L.	Michigan	11-2-78
Hamm, Dorothy Anne	Florida	11-2-78
Lear, Mark Howard	Virginia	11-2-78
Morrison, Mary K.	California	11-2-78
Hunt, Susan Elizabeth	California	11-2-78
Kneblick, Glenda Fielder	Texas	11-2-78
Kurtz, Paul Harold	Florida	11-2-78
Ponchillia, Paul E.	Illinois	11-2-78
Sangalli, Ramona Ennis	Arkansas	11-2-78
Shank, Nikita Kay	Arkansas	11-2-78
Worboys, Mary Alison	New York	11-2-78
Bicknese, Jody Mary	Illinois	11-2-78

Bublitz, Jean Wright	Michigan	11-2-78
Bullock, Robert Cart	Wisconsin	11-2-78
Colmery, Anne Brainard	Michigan	11-2-78
Jenke, Carolyn Lee	Arizona	11-2-78
Lowell, Janiece E.	New Hampshire	11-2-78
Lust, Diane Theresa	Minnesota	11-2-78
Miller, Carol Susan	Arizona	11-2-78
Sacksteder, Rosanne Fay	Michigan	11-2-78
Terhorst, Marjorie Lynn	New York	11-2-78
Clark, Donna R.	Vermont	11-2-78
Sheffler, Sandra Lynn	Ohio	11-2-78
Vieni, Fred	New York	11-2-78
Crews, John E.	Michigan	11-2-78
Crews, Nancy Murphy	Michigan	11-2-78
Maxson, Bonita Jackson	Virginia	11-2-78
Bernardi, Robert Anthony	New York	5-2-79
Byers-Lang, Rosalind Eunice	Indiana	5-2-79
Day, John Bradley	Pennsylvania	5-2-79
Day, Marilyn Ruth	Pennsylvania	5-2-79
Deremeik, James Thomas	Arkansas	5-2-79
Horst, Gayle	Ohio	5-2-79
Johnson, Karen Lynn	Ohio	5-2-79
Marletta, Laura Ann	Maine	5-2-79
Marsh, Mimi L.	Arizona	5-2-79
Van Horn, Patricia Lee	New Jersey	5-2-79
Van Staveren, Anthony Dirk	New York	5-2-79
Felts, Myette Tolbert	Arkansas	7-19-79
Grist, Martha E.	Arkansas	7-19-79
Peterson, Warren Carl	California	7-19-79
Adams, Richard Ivan	Minnesota	7-19-79
Bat-Abraham, Rachel Leah	Wisconsin	7-19-79
Jefferson, Emily J.	Maryland	7-19-79
Kopp, Linda Lee	Arkansas	7-19-79
Luxton, Lynne	New York	7-19-79
Scott, Judy C.	Texas	7-19-79
Storm, Diane Louise	Georgia	7-19-79
Wollenberg, Pary Pierce	Virginia	7-19-79
Briscoe, Edith Neff	Ohio	7-19-79
Clegg, Gale K.	Pennsylvania	7-19-79

Rehabilitation Teachers Provisionally Certified

<u>Name</u>	<u>State of Residence</u>	<u>Date</u>
Burns, Rae Ellen	New York	5-10-78
Kennedy, Brenda Jean	Virginia	5-10-78
Navratil, April Jane	Georgia	5-10-78
Weiss, Johnette Bartholomew	Arkansas	5-10-78

Paris, Laura Elizabeth	Arizona	11-2-78
Boykin, Ruth Elaine	Oklahoma	11-2-78
Arpin, Kathryn Funk	Florida	11-2-78
Clayton, Yvonne Brown	Washington	11-2-78
Burton, Norma Gene	Arizona	5-2-79
Dupee, Claudette Salins	Maine	5-2-79
Ellis, Joan Frances	Arizona	5-2-79
Engstrom, Maxine Jeanette	Oklahoma	5-2-79
Gabin, Dorothea Sue	Maryland	5-2-79
Sanders, Marilyn K.	Oklahoma	5-2-79
Barrett, Margaret Elaine	Arkansas	7-19-79
Felts, Anna Mae	Arkansas	7-19-79
Rasberry, Minnie	Arkansas	7-19-79
Richman, Norton Franklin	Virginia	7-19-79
Slagle, Jo Ann	Ohio	7-19-79
Stewart, Joyce Evelyn	Arkansas	7-19-79
Walker, June Renee	Arkansas	7-19-79
Gulley, Jo C.	Illinois	7-19-79
Facemyer, Edgar G.	Pennsylvania	7-19-79
Kehler, Patricia Ann	Pennsylvania	7-19-79
Mashburn, J. Norman	Oklahoma	7-19-79
Nevler, Marilyn	New York	7-19-79

Respectfully submitted,

Velma R. Becker, Chairperson
 Audrey Davis
 Doris Goetz
 Michael Nelipovich
 Scott Oliver
 Linda Olson

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

1979 AAWB INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Loyal E. Apple, Chairman

Last year the Executive Director of AAWB challenged Chapter Membership Committees to increase the number of members in their chapters by at least ten percent (10%) over the previous year. I am pleased to report that seven (7) chapters have achieved such increases by the time of our July meeting over their end of the year figures for 1978. These chapters are: Alabama, Arkansas, D.C.-Maryland, Great Plains, Indiana, Minnesota and Wisconsin. It is expected that several other chapters will reach the ten percent (10%) improvement mark by the end of the calendar year 1979. Our congratulations are extended to all those active, growing chapters!

Our present membership is 3,179. We have five (5) months remaining in the calendar year to gather more than 320 memberships which would allow us to improve on last year's record. Of our total, 2,182 were regular members, 166 were secretarial, 217 were students, 280 were life members,

and 179 were paid life members. In addition to the outstanding work done by chapter membership committees, is the excellent work done by the Executive Office in developing an efficient system for managing the maintenance of the membership list and for supporting the work of the membership committees.

Membership in AAWB continues to be without parallel as a means of developing professional perspective in work for the blind. Blind citizens have a right to expect that individuals offering services to them are well-informed, thoroughly trained and dedicated to the quality of service which will allow blind persons to seize the opportunities which life offers all citizens of this country.

1979 AAWB AGENCY MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Wesley D. Sprague, Chairman

The report year for agency membership is as of July 12, 1977, 1978, and 1979 in order to provide as up-to-date information as possible coinciding with our biennial meeting.

While the number of agency memberships grew from 128 in 1977 to 156 in 1978 and 155 in 1979 (an increase of 21.1%), it is satisfying to know that gross contributions increased in the like period 17.6% or \$3,115 (\$12,575 to \$17,690). Noteworthy, also is the calendar year-end comparisons which showed a total of 147 agency members in 1977 and 170 in 1978 (a 15.65% increase). In 1978 twenty-six agencies joined AAWB for the first time and, to date in 1979 an additional 18 have enrolled as agency members in AAWB.

It would appear that there is still much to be done before

even a majority of agencies serving blind and visually impaired individuals in this country are annual contributors to this unique national organization. With the advent of regional state associations of AAWB member agencies, I appeal to each of you to be constantly alert to ways and means of stimulating growth in AAWB in order that it can proudly provide a comprehensive, quality educational medium for all of our field, so that it can be an advocate for the rights and needs of blind and severely visually impaired people in this country, and so that it can enhance its job exchange program and serve all of us in ever increasing and more effective ways.

THE MEMBERSHIP TOTALS OF THE CHAPTERS AND NON-CHAPTERS
FOR 1979

TOTAL: 3,294 Individuals
 164 Agencies

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Alabama	147	7
Arizona	61	3
Arkansas	119	2
Northern California	127	8
Southern California	93	2
D.C. - Maryland	82	2
Florida	96	2
Georgia	86	2
Great Plains	33	4
Illinois	94	3
Indiana	31	2
Louisiana	32	3
Michigan	109	6
Minnesota	44	1
Mississippi	64	1
Missouri - Kansas	46	5
New England	162	9
New Jersey	62	5
New Mexico	25	1
New York	226	24
North Carolina	126	3

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Northwest	24	3
Ohio	202	6
Oklahoma	253	3
Pennsylvania - Delaware	268	31
Rocky Mountain	47	3
South Carolina	41	1
Tennessee	76	4
Texas	236	5
Virginia	129	3
Wisconsin	57	3

NON-CHAPTER REPORTS

Hawaii	11	1
Iowa	7	
Kentucky	6	1
Nevada	6	
Canada	54	2
Mexico		
Guam		1
Netherlands		
Australia	4	
West Virginia	4	2
Saudi Arabia	1	
Japan		
Switzerland	1	
West Germany	2	

PRESENTATION OF THE ALFRED ALLEN AWARD

To

Donald Blasch

By

William F. Gallagher

It is a distinct honor and pleasure for me to have been asked to present this year's Alfred Allen Award, as it is to go to a man who has done outstanding work in the field of blindness--Professor Donald Blasch.

Don is not only a professional colleague, but a friend. He is an enigma: quiet, but loved; plain, but complex. He is the only guy I know who mumbles eloquently.

I could say that Don was born in Dekalb, Illinois; he would say: "You must start some place."

I could say that he received his Bachelor's Degree from Northern Illinois University; he would reply: "If you are going to work in a Human Service Profession, you must have a body of knowledge."

I could go on and state that he received his Master's Degree in Psychology from the University of Chicago and had taken additional courses at Ohio State and Northwestern; to this he would say: "You must learn a discipline if you are going to be recognized by your professional peers and, if you are going to counsel a fellow human being, you must be university trained."

I could say that he joined the Army in 1941; he would state simply: "You must have a dedication and a commitment to your country."

I could say that the Army recognized him as a leader, he would reply: "If you have something to offer, you must share it with others."

I could say that when he was discharged from the Army in 1946 he had attained the rank of Captain; he would say: "In whatever you do, you must apply yourself to try to reach your highest level."

I could say that he has had a variety of work experiences--taught school, was a physical education instructor, and counseled juvenile delinquents; he would retort: "It all gave me work experience and assisted me to plan my future. The boys needed help and guidance to get them back on the right track so that they could do something good with their lives and I was glad that I could, in some small way, help them succeed."

I could go on and say that from 1951 to 1961 he was Acting Chief of Blind Services at Hines General Hospital in Illinois, and worked along with Russ

Williams, Gene Apple, John Malamazian, Stan Suterko, Larry Blaha and others to develop it into THE Model Rehabilitation Center for newly blinded persons, and was instrumental in developing the Orientation and Mobility Program into a professional discipline. He would say: "The others deserve all the credit; it was an honor for me to work with such a wonderful group of guys. We looked at the trainees as individuals. We knew that we had to provide them with the necessary skills and techniques, especially mobility, so that they could function within their communities as self-esteemed, independent persons."

I could say that in 1961 Western Michigan University reached out and invited him to be the Director of its Blind Rehabilitation Services, training students to be Orientation and Mobility Instructors. He would say: "If mobility instructors are going to be recognized as professionals, they must be trained in a university setting; they must have university qualifications to be acknowledged by their peers and to join in the work of rehabilitating blind persons to become totally functional human beings."

I could say that he helped the other 12 universities to establish their mobility programs. He would say: "You must share your knowledge with your colleagues; you cannot be selfish in a helping profession."

I could say that in 1964 he established the country's first Master's Degree Program in Rehabilitation Teaching at Western Michigan University. He would

say: "I had to help Ruth Kaarlela, Elizabeth Paul, and the others. They were doing good work, but they were still trying to find themselves within the Blindness System. They had to gain the knowledge, to feel confident, to have their field recognized as a discipline."

I could say that he alone has done more to promote Orientation and Mobility and Rehabilitation Teaching to fully accredited positions within the framework of education and rehabilitation. With modesty, he would say: "It's not true, but I'm glad to have been a part of the struggle for this recognition."

I could say that in 1972 Western Michigan University realized how vitally important he was and promoted him to Chairman of its Department of Blind Rehabilitation. He would say, truthfully: "It was about time."

I could say that he has trained more students for work in the Blindness System than anyone else. He would grin shyly and then say: "They did it themselves, but it was wonderful to watch them grow. Isn't it great to see them change the system?"

I could say that the Commission on Standards and Accreditation invited him to chair the Committee on Orientation and Mobility and to develop standards for it. To this he would reply: "If we don't have standards, and high ones to boot, then we should get out of the business of rehabilitating and educating."

I could say that he has served on several committees to help

rewrite the standards for the National Accreditation Council. He would say: "We must be current at all times; we must review and upgrade our standards to meet the demands of the times."

I could say that he has written copiously for professional journals dealing with Blindness, Orientation and Mobility, and Rehabilitation Teaching. He would reply, rather matter-of-factly: "Professional people have an obligation to write; to share their thoughts and ideas."

I could also say that he is one of the very few in the Field of Blindness who has had the guts to put his private thoughts into print. He would simply say: "You've got to tell it as it seems to you."

I could say that he has been honored many times--the Migel Medal and Blaha Award in 1977; commendation from the Association of Rehabilitation Teachers in 1976; "Man of the Year" at his Alma Mater (Northern Illinois University) in 1975. These are but a few that have come his way. To this, he would shrug his shoulders and say quietly: "Awards and honors carry responsibilities and you must be able to live up to them. You can't sit back on your laurels. You must continue to study, to contribute, and be measured by your contributions."

I could say that he has been our National Secretary; has served on both the Board of Directors and Executive Board; was the first President of the Michigan State Chapter of AAWB; is a member of NRA, AEVH, and many other professional organizations. He would say: "If you

believe in something you must help it to grow. You must be active and encourage others to join and participate with you. In strength there is power. We need legislative power and clout, if we are going to help blind persons to become fully rehabilitated."

I could say that he has a lovely wife, Virginia, and two outstanding children, who, like him, are committed to giving; one is an Orientation and Mobility Specialist; the other a Speech Therapist.

Throughout the years Virginia has given a great deal of guidance, support, love, and reassurance to help Don along the way. And, Virginia, we in the Field of Blindness appreciate your sharing him with all of us. We are very proud to have a family such as yours as a part of the American Association of Workers for the Blind.

As I said in the beginning, he is an enigma: He is a quiet man, but his philosophy speaks loudly. He is simple, yet his thinking is complex. He mumbles, yet his words are pearls of wisdom.

It now gives me a great deal of pleasure to present to Professor Donald Blasch the Alfred Allen Award for his outstanding work in the Field of Blindness and for his many contributions as an educator in the training of so many persons, who are now and will be THE PROFESSIONALS in the Field.

Don, wear it in good health and stay with us for a long time. We need you.

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH FOR THE ALFRED ALLEN AWARD

Donald Blasch

It is both an honor and a humbling experience to receive the Alfred Allen Award. This is especially true when I review the contributions of the man in whose memory it is presented and the contributions of those persons who have received this award before me.

I did not have the privilege of knowing Alfred Allen personally but his life work reflects his beliefs in educational opportunities for blind persons, in quality service, and in the values of organized efforts in behalf of the blind. It is only when our beliefs are transformed into action that forward movement takes place.

With the support and assistance of many people, including my family, my colleagues and members of AAWB, I have attempted to implement my beliefs:

I believe in the potential of blind people.

I believe in the individuality of blind people.

I believe in the rights of the blind to organize.

I believe that a person can reorganize himself around his blindness.

I believe in the efficacy of professional preparation for rehabilitation personnel.

I believe in high standards for services to the blind.

Our predecessors, such as Alfred Allen, have paved the way for us. Our convictions and actions will establish the direction for those who follow.

Thank you.

PRESENTATION OF JOHN H. MCAULAY AWARD

To

Dr. John G. Linvill

By

David A. Loux

Madame President, Members of the Board of AAWB, Guests, and Friends.

In this modern era of sky-scrapers, supersonic travel and men on the moon, it is quite evident that we have come a considerable distance since the invention of the wheel. This observation is particularly true in the areas of work with, and services for, blind people.

Although there are many traditions and sequences which seem to follow the same old path, it is without question that technology in these areas has burst into the forefront. Beyond the mere facts and figures of technological inventions and advancements, we must carefully consider the associated factors of investment, application and implementation. It is with these thoughts that I have the pleasure and privilege of introducing to you, Dr. John G. Linvill.

Dr. Linvill's credits, appointments and awards are numerous. Educated at William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri and M.I.T., he is presently Chairman of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Associate Dean of the School of Engineering at Stanford University. His specialization in the area of integrated

circuitry has led to his working on several projects with the U.S. Department of Defense, NASA, and the Office for Naval Research. His previous employment includes an Assistant Professorship at M.I.T. and serving as a member of the technical staff of Bell Telephone Laboratories in Murray Hill, New Jersey.

While in New Jersey, the Linvills became the proud parents of a daughter named Candy. As Candy was blind, her father's interest and expertise in electronics took on a new meaning and challenge. The need, as Dr. Linvill expressed it, was to develop a translatorless communication system for blind people.

In the early 1960s, a trip to Germany and a meeting in California proved providential. In Germany, Dr. Linvill observed a high speed printer which used vibrating pins and at the meeting in California, he met Jim Bliss. Since that meeting, Drs. Linvill and Bliss, together with many associates, have helped to create a new dimension of independence for blind people--another access to printed material. Dr. Linvill, as a founding member and Board member of Telesensory Systems, Inc., has maintained an ongoing interest in advancing technology for a better life.

In September of 1971, the first class for Optacon students was held at The Seeing Eye in Morristown, New Jersey. A few years later, the Optacon Fund was created to help blind people help themselves to Optacons. Now known as Sensory Aids Foundation, its sights are clearly set on enhancing employment opportunities for blind people.

With this presentation of the John H. McAulay Award, we acknowledge your accomplishments and challenge you to greater heights for the future. Dr. Linvill.

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH FOR THE JOHN H. MCAULAY AWARD

John G. Linvill

I am deeply honored to receive the John H. McAulay Award. A large number of workers for the blind have brought about the impact on education and employment of the blind which the technological opportunity of the Optacon has enabled; they share in the honor. In addition to that, I must acknowledge the technological work of my colleagues at Stanford, at SRI and at Telesensory Systems, who have transformed a rather simple idea into a working reality. More specifically, my close colleague, Dr. James Bliss, now President of Telesensory Systems Incorporated, had a great impact in the research work which we did jointly, in the setting up and managing of a production facility at TSI, and setting for workers of the blind an example of the profound influence that contemporary technology can make in bringing the blind into full partnership with the sighted in the work and enjoyment of our world.

The effective impact of technology on rehabilitating the blind is not finished, but is really only starting. The

integrated circuit and micro-processor, in particular make possible many more sensory aids which will facilitate the communication of the blind with their sighted contemporaries and will provide them with a more effective means to work with information for all sorts of purposes. Unfortunately the sensory devices which are possible will not be directly available to the blind as off-the-shelf items produced for the sighted population. They will need to be developed, refined, tested and produced in a special effort to serve the specific needs which now technology could serve. You, as workers for the blind, can help in their realization by your consultation, your support, and your helpful suggestions. That will contribute greatly to the cause to which we are all directed.

Thank you again for your generous recognition of my work. I appreciate it deeply.

PAST PRESIDENTS AWARD

The Past Presidents Award was presented to the North Carolina Chapter. A citation for Honorable Mention was awarded to the South Carolina Chapter.

ACCEPTANCE OF PAST PRESIDENTS AWARD

Myrtle H. Garris, Former President
North Carolina Chapter

It is truly an honor and a pleasure for me to accept the Past Presidents Award on behalf of the members of the North Carolina Chapter.

Since 1974 North Carolina has tripled its membership but we aren't ready to rest on our laurels. As we prepare to host the Southeast Regional Meeting in 1980 we expect to increase our membership again. North Carolina has long been active in AAWB at the national level. Our members have chartered buses to carry them to such far away places as Los Angeles, Houston, Atlanta, Quebec City, and Toronto. Large delegations also attended National Conventions in Richmond, Cleveland, Portland, and here in the "Heart of Cowboy Country," Oklahoma City.

North Carolinians have served the high office of President of AAWB and two have received the coveted Shotwell Award. Being named the most outstanding Chapter is truly a great honor, but, the honor carries with it great responsibility.

The Chapter must continue to grow and accomplish great things in order to prove it was a worthy recipient of the honor. We believe that in AAWB chapters and individuals are not given honors so that they might be placed on shelves and treated like gods. Instead, we believe honors are given to call attention to outstanding accomplishments and in effect to say to others "here is an example to be followed."

We humbly accept the Past Presidents Award pledging that we will constantly strive to prove ourselves worthy by keeping North Carolina up front among the leaders and by always setting an example for others to follow.



Ross C. Purse (right) recipient of the Shotwell Award, and W. E. Milton (left) presenter of the Award

PRESENTATION OF THE AMBROSE M. SHOTWELL MEMORIAL MEDAL

To

Ross C. Purse

By

W. E. Milton

Madam President, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen:

When I was asked to make this presentation this evening I felt highly honored to be invited to have a part in paying tribute to a long-time friend and colleague. Ross Purse and I have been closely associated in the work of The Canadian National Institute for the Blind for more than 27 years. Our careers, in fact, have followed very similar patterns and, as we have moved together from one level of the Organization to another, my regard for his personal and leadership qualities has constantly increased.

It is customary and I think very fitting on these occasions, both for the record and for the information of new and old members alike, to highlight the achievements of the award recipient. I should like to maintain this tradition.

Students of astrology who see significance in the coincidence of dates and events, would find tonight's guest of honor an interesting subject. He was born in 1918, the year in which The Canadian National Institute for the Blind was founded. He presented himself to the world in the Canadian mid west at a

point almost due north of where we are sitting at the moment, albeit several hundred miles removed. Canada entered World War II on his 21st birthday in September 1939 and he was among the many young Canadians who enlisted at the beginning of that conflict and who returned from it blind or with seriously impaired eyesight.

Whether or not the stars can claim any credit, Ross C. Purse certainly seemed destined to become involved in work for the blind. He joined the staff of the CNIB in 1948 and thus began a career which has earned him worldwide recognition and the honor this Association is bestowing on him this evening.

Mr. Purse's career with the CNIB divides itself into three distinct phases. There were the early years in direct service work and district administration at the local level, the middle years in provincial administration as Executive Director of three CNIB Divisions with successively increasing responsibility, and then there have been the recent years in his present position as Managing Director, the chief executive office nationally in our Organization. In this role, he has ultimate responsibility for the

administration and program planning of a national, voluntary, multi-service agency with the dual aims of serving blind people and preventing blindness. This large and complex Organization is made up of a national headquarters and eight operating divisions having forty-four offices from coast to coast many of which are rehabilitation and service centres. It employs some 3,200 people and benefits from the services of many thousands of volunteers.

In addition to his national responsibilities as Head of CNIB, Mr. Purse has been active on the international scene. As a life member of AAWB for many years, he has served this Association on its committees, on its Board of Directors and on its Executive Committee including a term as Secretary. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind, Chairman of its North America Oceania Region, Past Chairman of its Standing Committee on Social Development and a member of its Deaf-Blind Services Committee. He is a member of the Executive Boards of the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind and the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness and a founding member of the Canadian Coordinating Committee--Blindness Prevention. In this connection, it is noteworthy that he is an honorary member of the Canadian Ophthalmological Society.

Other achievements in community service work, apart from these national and international commitments, could be cited, but it will suffice to say that all of Mr. Purse's activities have been

characterized by hard work and a conscientious approach to every responsibility undertaken. He has striven to maintain high standards in work for the blind and to ensure that blind people receive adequate services and proper recognition. It is indicative of his progressive leadership that, immediately following his appointment as Managing Director of CNIB, he initiated a study of the unmet needs of blind Canadians stressing the importance of critically evaluating all programs. At the same time as challenging the status quo in this way, he promoted action to preserve and protect the history and archival information of the Organization.

Having worked with Ross Purse for many years and enjoyed his friendship and that of his charming wife, Vivian, I can testify that he has shown himself to be a man of ideas and imagination with the courage of his convictions in implementing change. He has been an innovator with an intuitive sense worthy of his Irish origins. He has been a leader with great drive and energy but with an engaging humour and ready wit which have served well in helping to resolve many of the difficult problems he has had to face. In short, his friends and colleagues know him as a warm but forceful personality who respects essential, traditional values while constantly probing for progress and constructive change.

Ross C. Purse, if you will please rise, it is my pleasure and honor, in recognition of the contributions you have made in work for the blind and prevention

of blindness at home and abroad,
and in the name of this Association,
to present you this 1979

Ambrose M. Shotwell Distinguished
Service Medal.

PRESENTATION OF THE AMBROSE M. SHOTWELL
MEMORIAL SCROLL

To

Ross C. Purse

By

Constance Gant

There are side benefits to the sometimes painful process of organizing one's impressions into thoughts.

As I reviewed some of the previous presentations to recipients of the Ambrose M. Shotwell Memorial Award--even back to the history of Mr. Shotwell himself--I had that wonderful feeling of certainty, that sense of direction, of pattern and meaning that confirms the rightness and purpose of moving on through the frustrations and minutiae of life lived daily, when goals and achievements are measured in generations and life times.

In Ross Purse, a North American, a Canadian, we have not just a man of achievement in his own country. Although in his major work with the Canadian National Institute for the Blind he has achieved outstanding success as he has moved, over 30 years, from regional leadership roles to the Chief of the entire National Institute in which he has brought creative completion to another dimension of his life both personal and professional.

Ross lost his vision in World War II as a prisoner of war in Hong Kong--a young man to whom the international scene the

larger world--had provided a cruel reason to withdraw from that world to something safer, but the record of his activities on the international scene is a triumph of (life) creativity. His travels through North and South America, Japan, Australia, the United Kingdom, Europe, the Middle East and Asia have been made in the interest of developing service programs for the blind and the prevention of blindness throughout the world.

He is an elected member of the Executive Committee of the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind, an international body uniting some 70 countries in the interests of blind persons around the world. He is also Chairman of the North America-Oceania region of the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind consisting of Canada, United States, New Zealand, and Australia. He is an elected member of the Executive Committee and Chairman of North America region, International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness.

Ross and I met through our work with the American Association of Workers for the Blind of which he is a life member and in which he has been a participant for 25

years. He has, as usual, taken an active role serving as a member of the Board of Directors, of the Executive Committee and other committees and holding the Office of Secretary.

It has been a pleasure to work with him not only because of his quick, soft spoken courteous intelligence but because it is his agency that provides the loveliest Canadian open house at every convention complete with cocktails and once or twice even printed invitations.

Within the heart of motivations to serve as he has in the international field and at home in

Canada as a leader and guide in the development and expansion of blindness rehabilitation and prevention is that pattern of light and shadow that gives contrast and beauty to a life and makes it a complete work of art.

This scroll, as I read it, tries to express the AAWB perception of Ross Purse and the reason for his selection as recipient of the Ambrose M. Shotwell Award this year of 1979.

ACCEPTANCE OF AMBROSE M. SHOTWELL MEMORIAL
MEDAL & SCROLL

Ross C. Purse

Madam President, distinguished guests, and fellow members of the American Association of Workers for the Blind--those who know me will agree that I am not usually at a loss for words. However, on this occasion I am having great difficulty expressing what I feel. Indeed I must tell you that receiving this award is one experience I shall remember throughout my lifetime.

You have bestowed on me tonight the highest honor within your power, and let me assure you that I feel very humble and deeply grateful. I wonder at a time like this what I have done to merit such recognition. In my case the distinction must be shared with many people who have given me a great deal of help in all stages of my career in work for the blind. In this connection my thoughts go back immediately to my return to Canada in 1945 after spending most of the war years as a prisoner-of-war in Japan. Suffering from malnutrition which seriously affected my vision, I desperately needed the support and encouragement of my wife, Vivian, my family and friends, and also the help of the rehabilitation program for the war blinded under the auspices of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. This award must also be shared with the organization I represent and with my colleagues in the agency, associates in AAWB, and friends in work for the blind around the

world who have greatly helped and influenced my endeavours.

My first introduction to AAWB was at the 1955 convention in Quebec City. A Canadian, the late Captain M. C. Robinson, was president, and the Shotwell Award recipient that year was our distinguished friend and colleague Peter J. Salmon who was a close associate of the late Colonel E. A. Baker, Arthur V. Weir and other Canadian pioneers in our field. I remember how deeply impressed I was on that occasion, and since then of course I have become deeply involved in AAWB affairs myself and have witnessed the presentation of this award to many outstanding people. I am proud to count all of them as colleagues in work for the blind, and to be considered worthy to join their ranks as the 1979 recipient of this award, the fourth Canadian to be so honored. The other three-- Charles W. Holmes, Colonel E. A. Baker and Arthur Napier Magill all preceded me in the office I am proud to occupy.

The AAWB has come far since Ambrose Shotwell helped launch it almost 85 years ago. He fought in his day for the rights of blind people to have access to higher education, greater public recognition, and greater acceptance in all fields of endeavour. In my view, he would be gratified at the extent to which his hopes and dreams have been realized.

We look back with admiration and appreciation to our respective founders and pioneers acknowledging the great contributions they have made to the progress and development of services and understanding in the field of blindness. Without in any way diminishing the worth and importance of the past and the lessons we can learn from it, are we not all in a sense pioneers in our own time? Each era brings its own special needs and we are constantly being called upon to meet the challenges of change.

In my experience as I have moved from one responsibility to another this has been borne out time and time again. We are engaged in building on the firm foundations of the past, altering, enlarging and strengthening the structure to meet the new requirements.

While deeply involved in our Canadian program, I am also in close touch through our international commitments with many of you in the United States and with others around the world. Indeed I have been constantly impressed with the similarity of the problems we face, in the goals towards which we strive and the methods we employ to reach these goals. It is very much one world in which we live and work, and there is a great need to maintain strong ties and cooperation with all responsible organizations in work for and of the blind.

You have honored me by suggesting that I have earned the right to your special recognition. If I deserve to be singled out in this way I trust it is because

I have done my best with the ability, energy and strength at my disposal to advance the cause in which we all believe.

In the rapidly changing world in which we live, with many of the traditional institutions and values being challenged, I have found it important to defend and reaffirm original principles and aims. At the same time it has been necessary to insist on a close examination of the established programs to test their relevance to present-day needs. These examinations have led to changes which have required courage, flexibility, and understanding on the part of many people. In Canada, we have studied the unmet needs of blind and visually handicapped people which resulted in the strengthening of many programs, focusing attention particularly on library, children's services, deaf-blind programs, training and employment, communications, and prevention of blindness. We have encouraged greater participation on the part of consumers of services and greater involvement on the part of volunteers, both blind and sighted. In all of this, I know that we are not unique, except perhaps in the one respect that we are a single national voluntary agency delivering a full range of services across the length and breadth of Canada. However, we share with you the same objectives and concerns for the rights, the independence and the dignity of blind people. These are the overriding considerations which must surely influence all that we attempt

to do in terms of improved services for the blind and those threatened with blindness.

We are proud of our Canadian record and of what we have accomplished. In my travels around the world I have been gratified by the regard in which CNIB is held by colleagues in the field.

We are also proud of our long association with AAWB and its agency representatives. I am sure you will agree that our founders and many of our direct service personnel down through the years have made a considerable contribution to our achievements. No doubt you are aware that I have worked over the years for a slightly different status for Canada within AAWB--a status which will recognize it as a sovereign nation and as an international partner guaranteeing by right representation on the executive board which would, in my view, enable us to play a more meaningful role in this great organization.

In closing, Madam President, ladies and gentlemen, may I thank the awards committee for selecting me for this very high honor. As most of you already know, I will be leaving the CNIB in 1980 which will bring about major changes in our senior administration. We expect the new team to maintain our traditions in work for the blind and prevention of blindness services, but also to add its own new dimensions in keeping with the times. If the rapid progress I have witnessed in work for the visually handicapped in my 32 years of service continues--and I feel confident that it will--the future is bright for all of us associated with the AAWB.

PRESENTATION OF THE C. WARREN BLEDSOE AWARD
POSTHUMOUSLY

To

Dr. Richard Kinney

By

George G. Mallinson, Chairman

The C. Warren Bledsoe Award is given to an outstanding author or authors in the field of the blind. It is natural that AAWB which has published the BLINDNESS Annual since 1964 with the purpose of stimulating original thinking in the field should establish this award to recognize those who display such thinking.

This award is named after a man who has spent a great deal of time and energy promoting better writing in the field and in establishing professional libraries in agencies and schools for the blind. He has been closely associated with AAWB's Publications program, especially the BLINDNESS Annual, and he also served as editor of the OUTLOOK FOR THE BLIND in the 1940's. In the late 50's and early 60's he campaigned extensively to place bound volumes of the OUTLOOK along with other professional materials in agencies and schools. Mr. Bledsoe's long career as an author and as evaluator of literature on the blind makes him a fitting representative for an award that honors significant contributions on blindness in current literature.

The following criteria have been established for the C. Warren

Bledsoe Award. A publication deemed worthy of consideration may meet one or several of these criteria:

1. The publication presents new facts and/or concepts about blindness.
2. The publication presents a new perspective on a fundamental problem or problems in blindness.
3. The publication stresses clearly some particular needs in the field and elicits response in the concrete form of contributions and/or legislative activity.
4. The publication successfully popularizes the life and times of blind people within the world of the non-blind.

Policy aspects of the award are:

1. The award may be in one of two forms:
 - a. To a publication from a single author or editor meeting one or more of the above criteria.

b. To a publication from a group of authors who have collaborated within a single article or work.

recommend to the Board of Directors.

2. The award is restricted to significant publications that have appeared in the last five years.

3. Recommendation for the award will be made by the Publications Board to the Board of AAWB. The award will be presented by a designate of the Publications Board at the National Conference.

4. Apart from special group awards, no more than four persons may receive awards at one conference. Their contributions may be in any literary form. The award need not be given if the Publications Board does not deem any publication sufficiently significant to

The Publications Board submitted two (2) recommendations to the Board of Directors at its meeting in Washington, D.C. on May 2, 1979. The Board of Directors deferred action on the recommendations and voted to give the award posthumously to Dr. Richard Kinney for his book, INDEPENDENT LIVING WITHOUT SIGHT AND HEARING. It is my privilege, as Chairman of the Publications Board to present the award to Hope E. Kinney who will accept it in the name of her son, Dr. Kinney.

NOTE: When delivering this speech, Dr. Mallinson inserted some phrases laudatory of Dr. Kinney.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE C. WARREN BLEDSOE AWARD

Hope E. Kinney

Thank you Dr. Mallinson for the beautiful tribute to Dr. Richard Kinney and for the C. Warren Bledsoe Award presented in his name. I share this honor with Dr. Kinney's sister and his son Clark (16) with appreciation and pride.

To me this gathering is reminiscent of one I attended twenty years ago. At that time I had the privilege of accompanying my son to attend his first meeting of the World Council of Workers for the Welfare of the Blind in Rome, Italy. It was a huge group with representatives from many nations. One soon discovered that they had but one thought in mind--that of promoting the work of, and for, the visually handicapped.

Richard spoke at one of the sessions and his theme was simply: Communication--The need to break down the barrier of conversing with the deaf-blind persons around the world. The idea was relatively new at that time but interest was growing and we are now seeing the results of the communication breakthrough as the doubly handicapped individuals assume their places in society. Various methods of sign language, raised print, braille, and more recently the

Optacon have brought knowledge and hope. Recently, too, Dr. Kinney's brailled textbook Independent Living Without Sight and Hearing has been an inspirational and practical help to the blind as well as the deaf-blind. The text in print has enlightened the sighted in their living with, or working for the blind individual. It adds to their awareness of various situations and how to meet them.

Dr. Kinney is the author of Relevant Braille text and has submitted articles, essays, short stories, and poetry to leading print periodicals. He has written and had published four volumes of poetry.

Equally important to the printed word are the contributions, to the blind and deaf-blind, of his deep love of humanity and his concern with providing light through learning. He has said: "To know is more important than to see: To understand is more important than to hear!" "Challenges are what we live by when we are doing our best."

In closing I would like to share a portion of two lovely poems.

"Through rain and rainbows let us walk
And pause and ponder as we talk
Of beauty burning like an ember
That you see . . . and I remember."

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"Serenely through this life I come
That is my cosmos and my home
Giving such glory as I can . . .
And hold my place; I am a man."

PRESENTATION OF THE LAWRENCE E. BLAHA MEMORIAL AWARD

To

John D. Malamazian

By

William Wiener

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen: Every two years at the AAWB Biennial Conference, Interest Group IX presents the Blaha Award to an individual who exemplifies the dedication and excellence in service characteristic of Lawrence E. Blaha. Larry Blaha was a pioneer in the field of orientation and mobility and it is fitting that this year's recipient was a student, personal friend and a colleague of Mr. Blaha and also a pioneer who has been instrumental in developing quality service. It is our honor to present John D. Malamazian with this most coveted award.

Mr. Malamazian was born and reared in Chicago, Illinois. He graduated from the University of Illinois in June 1948 with a BS in Physical Education. He served his country in the Army during World War II and was awarded the Purple Heart, European African Middle Eastern Theatre Award with six Battle Stars, the Bronze Service Arrowhead, Good Conduct Medal, Distinguished Unit Badge, French Croix De Guerre with Palm and four overseas Service Bars.

Mr. Malamazian's career in rehabilitation began on July 5, 1948 at the Edward Hines Veteran's Administration Hospital. There he worked as a corrective therapist

in the Spinal Cord Unit providing exercises and ambulatory training to paraplegic and quadriplegic patients. On September 1st, 1949, he began his career as an orientation and mobility instructor when he transferred to the Blind Rehabilitation Center of the V.A. Hospital. At the Blind Rehabilitation Center, Mr. Malamazian has served as a mobility instructor, Assistant Supervisor of the Mobility Unit, Assistant Chief of the Blind Center, and in his present capacity as Chief of the Blind Center.

Mr. Malamazian played a prominent role not only in the growth and development of the Blind Center at Hines, but also in the establishment of the two newer centers in California and Connecticut. At both of these centers, he assisted in the planning and in the recruitment process.

Mr. Malamazian has earned four superior performance awards from the V.A. for his outstanding work with and on behalf of blinded veterans. He always makes himself available to any blinded veterans, whether during the work day or outside of his regular working hours. In addition to his responsibilities for the V.A., he has contributed much of his time, knowledge, and

effort to improving services for all visually impaired people.

He has taught summer workshops in Orientation and Mobility for classroom teachers at San Francisco State College and the University of Minnesota. He has been a part-time instructor at Western Michigan University since 1964, and at Northern Illinois University since 1967.

He has also taught at Orientation and Mobility Workshops for teachers or houseparents at the Colorado School for the Blind, Oregon School for the Blind, Indiana School for the Blind, Iowa School for the Blind, Texas School for the Blind, Missouri School for the Blind, Maryland School for the Blind, and the Oak Hill School for the Blind in Hartford, Connecticut.

He has taught Orientation and Mobility on a part-time basis to blind children in the Chicago Catholic Schools and the Evanston Township Schools, and the Illinois Braille and Sight Saving School.

He has written several articles about the Blind Rehabilitation Center at Hines V.A., Illinois, and several articles on Orientation and Mobility which have been published in professional journals.

He has served on numerous committees and panels, and has made numerous speeches on blind rehabilitation at conferences, meetings of professionals, veterans, and other organizations.

Finally, Mr. Malamazian's career even includes work in the motion pictures. Although he had made only one movie, his role in the Long Cane was instrumental in communicating to the public the capabilities of blind people and the new and emerging service of orientation and mobility.

It is with great pleasure that I present the Lawrence E. Blaha Award to John D. Malamazian.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE LAWRENCE E. BLAHA MEMORIAL AWARD

John D. Malamazian

I appreciate this award very much but know that it would not have been possible without the cooperation and assistance of our excellent staff at Hines and many others.

I want to thank our entire staff at Hines, Stan Suterko, Pete Wurzburger, Don Blasch, Russ Williams, the members of Interest Group Nine, and the hundreds of blind persons that provided me with the knowledge, opportunities, and assistance to earn this award.

Larry Blaha and Stan Suterko were the two persons who most influenced me in my decision to enter the field of Orientation and Mobility. Larry was not only one of my teachers and colleagues but was also a very close personal friend. Our families spent many unforgettable weeks together while Larry and I were teaching summer workshops in different cities around the country.

His death in the prime of his career was a tremendous loss to his family, the blind, and workers for the blind all over the world. However, those of us who were close to him were comforted by the knowledge that he would never be forgotten. His example, influence, and teachings will live on through his many students and colleagues all over the world.

It is very gratifying to see how much the membership of Interest Group Nine has increased during the past ten years and how the quality of Orientation and Mobility Specialists and programs have improved.

Let's all continue to maintain, practice, and support the high standards, principles, and goals that Larry Blaha so strongly advocated and practiced.

THE DOUGLAS C. MACFARLAND AWARD

This award was given for the first time at this conference. The award is given in conjunction with the work of the Douglas C. MacFarland Fund Committee which is dedicated to promoting high professional standards among workers for the blind.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE DOUGLAS C. MACFARLAND AWARD

George Magers

Thank you Mrs. Bauman and Mr. Rives. You indeed have kept the secret and for a change I am virtually speechless. Of course, I am honored. I am honored because of the reason for the recognition which is really earned by all of those blind persons throughout the country who are working and succeeding in their employment. I am further honored because Doug MacFarland was a friend and colleague and I not only respected his judgment and professional integrity, but I was able to learn, for he was a true teacher. Over the years I had come to love the man for his dedication, honesty and firm belief in the competency of blind persons.

mother of our children and the source of enjoyment that kept me going when I was down. She also skillfully administered the necessary needle when my ego became too expansive. That lovely lady, one of the world's truly good people, is the one whose name should be engraved on this plaque. To her should go the credit. She has rejoiced with me each time a blind person secured employment and she shared equally the happiness of following the success of so many blind and visually impaired persons as they went about their business leading happy normal lives. "So here Naomi, you should carry this plaque for it's more yours than mine."

In all candor, however, I am accepting this award in the name of one who has been the glue to any success I may have achieved. That person, Naomi Evelene, has for many years (since we were childhood sweethearts) been my confidante, my wife, my mistress, my chauffeur, my bookkeeper, my trusted and first adviser, the

THE BRUCE MCKENZIE AWARD

This award is given for excellence in rehabilitation teaching. It has been presented at biennial conferences since 1973.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE BRUCE MCKENZIE AWARD

Norman Dalke

You have succeeded in completely surprising me with this Award. Thank you, Don McBride, for those kind words, but, concerning that poem about the bridge builder, I'm not sure but what instead of building them I should have been burning them behind me.

I am sincerely overwhelmed by being selected for this honor. In these 23 years of work in rehabilitation teaching I have enjoyed the work and the many fine relationships with many of you who share with me in the profession of rehabilitation teaching.

There have been a few occasions over the years when, because of the expansion of the Oklahoma program for the blind, opportuni-

ties have come along for possible moves into other jobs within the program--rehabilitation teaching counseling, etc.; yet, I have always felt strongly (and still do) that rehabilitation teaching, with its direct services to the client, is the greatest field of work within our service programs. This is a profession we are all justifiably proud of.

Again, my deepest gratitude to all of you for this memorable moment.

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Teresa M. DeFerrari, Editor

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THE PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Jerry Dunlap

Ladies and gentlemen, honored guests, fellow members of AAWB. I appreciate this opportunity to give you a summary report of the activities of your association during the past biennium. First, I want to thank our Canadian hosts. I knew that their hospitality would be magnificent, but quite frankly I did not expect them to air-condition the whole nation. Coming from 100° Oklahoma weather, I can assure you that such service is appreciated. Also I would like to commend Canada on the very strong support that this nation is giving the American Association of Workers for the Blind. The greatest single area of membership development during this year has been in Canada.

Four years ago, I was honored to be elected to serve as your President beginning in July of 1979. It has been a privilege to have a leadership role in this association. I sincerely thank you for that confidence, but moreover, I am grateful for your sustained support of AAWB's efforts to achieve its mission on behalf of blind and visually impaired persons.

I would be remiss, indeed, if I failed to acknowledge the vital contribution made by our almost past Executive Director. John Maxson's tremendous energy, incisive judgment, and strong leadership have enabled this organization to make many positive gains during the biennium. This is a beautiful working relationship. John did all the work, and now I get to take the credit.

The Program Committee, chaired by William T. Coppage, deserves commendation for developing a stimulating and informative agenda and arranging for so many outstanding speakers. As you are aware, the theme for this year's conference has an international flavor. It is appropriate in 1981, the International Year for Disabled Persons, that AAWB accept the challenge of increasing its activities on blindness in the international arena.

Earlier this morning, Dorina de Gouvea Nowill, President of the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind (WCWB), provided a graphic picture of the depth and scope of

international concerns in regard to blindness.

My first official duty as your President was that of delegate to the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind in Antwerp, Belgium. This conference was a revelation concerning global problems of blindness and the absolute dearth of professional services available to blind persons in developing nations around the world. These problems are extensive and they offer an opportunity for AAWB to share its expertise with nations outside the Americas. The proposed Constitution and By-laws would make it possible for these nations to become full-fledged participants in AAWB.

The past two years have been busy, exciting and in many ways productive. I have been able to attend numerous chapter meetings, participate in five of the regional conferences and represent this association in a variety of other organizations. At times, it seemed that I was home only long enough to check my mail and get a change of clothes; then take off for yet another meeting. Although this schedule has been somewhat demanding, it did provide the opportunity to get acquainted with many of the members in both the United States and Canada. It has been fun and the achievements have been gratifying. Now, I want to share with you some of the highlights of the biennium.

In the fall of 1979, the

national office developed a long-range plan for AAWB. The plan recommended that the Board of Directors authorize the Executive Director to secure grant funding to support a national survey to determine the number of individuals and variety of disciplines currently involved in work with blind persons. Upon completion of this census of professionals, it was recommended that performance-level criteria be developed for each specific discipline. Such criteria should provide the basis for expanding present certification programs. Once it has been determined who is involved in work with the blind and what they are actually doing, an on-going function of the association would be to coordinate institutes for continuing education of professionals.

Another component of the plan recommended a variety of structural changes within AAWB in order to provide more efficient management of association affairs. The plan also suggests establishing a financial advisory committee and stressed the necessity for developing a sound fiscal basis for organizational operations. In addition, the long-range plan provided an outline of staffing patterns that would be necessary to implement the expanded program.

When initially introduced, it was felt that this long-range plan represented a five to ten year projection. In actual fact, the majority

of these proposals can be achieved within this bien-nium.

AAWB took a leadership role in convening all of the United States organizations of and for the blind on two occasions during this term. These conferences were for the purpose of developing position papers on critical issues involving preservation of service-delivery programs for blind persons. The consensus paper served a twofold purpose. First, it provided guidance to the U.S. Department of Education officials who are responsible for structuring the federal service-delivery programs for the handicapped. Second, the interchange of ideas between consumer and provider representatives developed greater cohesiveness and commitment of purpose from conference participants. Although the Department of Education's reaction to this paper has been disappointing, I firmly believe that AAWB's initiative in convening these two national conferences represented timely and significant action.

In recent months, AAWB has been actively engaged in other areas of legislation. Last December, this association joined the National Council of State Agencies for the Blind (NCSAB) in retaining former RSA Commissioner Robert Humphreys as legal counsel. This action is a positive step toward implementing mutually-developed policy statements

in regard to improving service-delivery systems for blind persons. Mr. Humphreys' expertise is significantly enhancing AAWB's efforts to carry out its commitment to preserve separate identifiable programs for the blind on both state and federal levels.

In addition to preparing testimony for congressional hearings, Mr. Humphreys filed a complaint in Federal District Court in December of 1980 on behalf of the Randolph-Sheppard Program. The 1974 amendments to the Rehabilitation Act provided ten additional staff positions in the Bureau for the Blind and Visually Handicapped (BBVH) to administer the Vending Facility Program. Federal officials responsible for this program failed to comply with the provisions of the Act and by 1981, the personnel in BBVH had decreased to a level lower than that of 1974. AAWB was joined by numerous other organizations from the field of blindness in filing the complaint against the Department of Education. I am happy to report that the petition has been satisfactorily resolved and appropriate job positions have been allocated to BBVH. Further, I am pleased to report that despite President Reagan's efforts to establish federal block-grant supported education and rehabilitation programs, we are still alive, if not well, in Washington.

The major concern that I

had when beginning this term of office was lack of unity in the field of service to blind persons. There has been very definite progress on this front. In January of this year, we initiated a contract with NCSAB to serve as resident agent. The national office of AAWB provides staff, mailing, and legislative representation for NCSAB. This agreement represents a giant stride toward harmony in work for the blind and the opportunity to present a mutual position on critical issues.

Dr. Richard Umsted reported to you last evening on the formation of the AAWB/AEVH Alliance. This coalition of two venerable associations is a result of the labor of many individuals. Initial spade work for this Alliance began back with Roy Kumpe and Finis Davis in 1952 when they served as presidents of the respective organizations. Also, during her administration, Mary K. Bauman worked diligently to bring about some form of merger. Undoubtedly, the Western and Northeastern regions of both organizations deserve considerable credit for their leadership role in promoting a closer working relationship between the two associations. Certainly I was pleased that all of this hard work came to fruition during this administration and we were able to announce on March 1st of this year that the AAWB/AEVH Alliance was at last a reality. There is no question

that the formation of this Alliance represents the high-lights of the past two years.

The Alliance will collocate offices in Alexandria, Virginia as soon as the office space is remodeled. The affairs of the new organization will be governed by a joint management team composed of members of both executive committees. Under this arrangement, each association retains autonomy while achieving sufficient flexibility to coordinate many activities. Daily management of the two associations will be directed by Kathleen Megivern, J.D., newly appointed Executive Director of AAWB and Julie Jones, Ph.D., newly appointed Executive Secretary of AEVH.

Although it is premature to speculate on the outcome, I would like for you to know the Alliance has submitted an endowment proposal to the American Foundation for the Blind (AFB). If the Foundation approves this request and grants the endowment, each association will be assured greater economic stability and thereby should be able to expand support services to both memberships. It would seem only reasonable that AFB lend financial support to the newly created Alliance since these two associations established the American Foundation for the Blind 60 years ago. In addition, strong financial support from AFB to the Alliance can enhance the working

relationship between Foundation staff and Alliance personnel to provide improved quality of service-delivery systems on all levels. In fact, this would be only the beginning of tremendous growth, effectiveness and impact for the partners in the Alliance.

Before closing, I want to briefly explore some of the implications of the proposed Constitution and By-laws. This document has been written to remove outmoded restrictions and to allow flexibility for further expansion. It provides for annual international conferences on a rotating schedule in the United States regions and the Dominion of Canada. Through elimination of the "Member at Large" category, by attrition, the Board of Directors will be reduced to elected officers and chapter representatives. The Board will meet annually at the international conference and the Executive Committee is required to meet quarterly. It is further required that the Executive Committee be geographically representative. In addition, the chairperson of the Council of Division Chairs will serve on the Executive Committee. This is an effort to assure balance of geographic regions and professional disciplines in the decision making body of AAWB.

The By-laws create a new position, that of second Vice President. This officer will be primarily responsible

for the coordination of and for communication between all committees. Also, the document allows nations outside North America to form AAWB affiliates and hold a seat on the Board of Directors. I commend Conrad Range and his committee for their excellent work and urge your support of this proposed Constitution and By-laws.

I would like to close these remarks with the statement that all of the problems are solved and there are no challenges left! As I said, I would like to close with this statement; but even I can not stretch the truth that far. Certainly, there will always be problems confronting human service programs and perhaps, particularly those programs serving the blind and visually impaired. However, if we can see problems as challenges and consider challenges as opportunities, then the future role of this association is clearly delineated. There will always be opportunities to improve the quality of professional services and to assertively speak out on behalf of blindness; thereby enhancing the quality of life for blind and visually impaired individuals everywhere. Again, thank you for the privilege of serving these past two years.



Donald Wedewer, new President-Elect of AAWB receiving NAC award from new AAWB President, William Coppage.

MINUTES OF THE 1981 BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

The new Constitution and Bylaws distributed to members for their consideration in April, 1981 was officially adopted at the first Business Meeting of the Toronto Conference on Monday, July 20, 1981. The only change made in the document was substitution of the new AAWB Virginia location for reference to a Washington, D.C. location.

Under the new Constitution, AAWB will hold annual instead of biennial international conferences. The 1982 Program Committee has already formed and is actively working on choosing a theme. Donald Wedewer, new President-Elect is Chairperson.

Other new procedures for AAWB are annual instead of biennial election of officers and the addition of a second vice president to the roster of officers. The officers chosen for the term 1981-1982 are William T. Coppage of Virginia, President; Donald Wedewer of Florida, First Vice President and President-Elect; David Loux of New Jersey, Second Vice President; Eileen Hancock of California, Treasurer; and Richard Welsh of Maryland,

Secretary.

The Executive Committee is now composed of the Officers, Immediate Past President, and members elected from the various regions and Canada, and the president of the Council of Division Chairpersons (Interest Groups have now become Divisions). The Regional Representatives are: Northeast, Gale Stickler; Southeast, Robert Scheffel; Middle Atlantic, Harold Richterman; Middle West, Diane Tobias; Southwest, James Liska; West, Greg Goodrich; Canada, Robert Elton and Robert Storey. The CDC President is Kent Wardell of California.

Under the new Constitution the Executive Committee will meet four times a year and the whole Board of Directors (still composed of Chapter Representatives) will meet once a year. The first meeting of the new Executive Committee is currently being scheduled for October in New York to coincide with a Helen Keller Symposium being sponsored by the American Foundation for the Blind.

At the third General Session, the new Executive Director of AAWB, Kathleen Megivern, was introduced to the membership. Kathleen Megivern is an attorney and

worked with the American Council of the Blind for eight years before coming to AAWB.

The following are key ideas from international speakers at the general sessions:

C.W. Daniel, Shell Canada President: one of the most important challenges will be to maintain and improve professional services in the face of reduced public support.

Dorina de Gouvea Nowill, President, World Council for the Welfare of the Blind: ". . .increased inter-agency and inter-government co-operation must occur if blind persons throughout the world are to take their rightful place as equals in their community."

John Wilson, Executive Director, Australian National Council of and for the Blind: "We must personalize our services to elderly and blind persons."

Geoffrey Gibbs, Executive Director of the Royal New Zealand Foundation for the Blind: "In many parts of the world, there is an urgent need for blind persons with appropriate training to work in rehabilitation of blind persons."

William F. Gallagher, Executive Director, American Foundation for the Blind: "Regarding the quality of services and our competence as providers, I cannot

emphasize too strongly the need for high standards applied through the accreditation process."

Robert F. Mercer, Managing Director, Canadian National Institute for the Blind: There are important perspectives that can be taken from blind persons' points of view about the world. We need the culture of the blind.

TELEGRAM FROM THE
PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA

The strength and well-being of democratic societies are due in large part to the many volunteers who give their time and efforts to aid those in need of assistance.

These volunteers, often with busy lives of their own to conduct, freely give their time and well-informed advice in the service of their communities and country. We all owe much to their concern. In the final analysis, this concern is what makes a democracy strong

and viable, able to meet the challenges facing it in the world today.

It gives me great pleasure, therefore, to send my greetings, welcome and warm good wishes to all those attending the Convention of the American Association of Workers for the Blind, taking place in Toronto. May your dedicated work long continue to make its fine contribution to North American Society.

Pierre Elliott Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
July 17, 1981

TELEGRAM FROM THE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

It is my pleasure to extend greetings to the delegates to the Biennial Conference of the American Association of Workers for the Blind. The Canadian and American people have long enjoyed a deep mutual respect and friendship so it is especially pleasing that the AAWB Conference is being held under the auspices of our good neighbors in Canada. In fact, as you may know, I will be in Ottawa myself next week for the Economic Summit Meeting.

I can think of no more fitting adjunct to the International Year of Disabled persons than this

conference. Just as we in the United States are beginning a new era of renewal in our national life, I know that the International Year will bring about a new era of respect for the abilities of handicapped people. I am proud to place the cooperation of my administration toward this goal.

My very best wishes to each of the delegates. May your meeting be a highly successful one.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan
July 17, 1981

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SATURDAY JULY 18, 1981

- Registration CONVENTION FLOOR FOYER (C)
— 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Executive Committee Meeting SUITE 2-136 (2)
— 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Workshop-Interest Group #9. TORONTO ROOM (C)
— 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
— "Orienteering for the Visually Handicapped"
— Speaker: Dr. Bruce B. Blasch
- Board of Directors Meeting BRITISH COLUMBIA ROOM (MM)
— 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
— Presentation: Central Office Plaque

SUNDAY JULY 19, 1981

- Registration CONVENTION FLOOR FOYER (C)
— 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Press Room and Conference HQ SALON B (C)
— 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.
- Exhibits BALLROOM (C)
— Open at 3:00 p.m.
- MacFarland Seminar CANADIAN ROOM (C)
— 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. *only*
— "Motivation"
— Keynote Speaker: Dr. John F. Muldoon
— "Motivating Clients"-George Zimmerman
— "Motivating the Public"-Jules Côté
— Presentation: MacFarland Award
- Workshop-Interest Group #9 TUDOR ROOM #7, 8 & 9 (MM)
— 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
— "Assessment and Development of Spatial Conceptual Abilities"
— Chair: Dr. Everett Hill
— "Visually Impaired Children"
— Speaker: Dr. Everett Hill
— "Multi-Handicapped Visually Impaired Individuals"
— Speaker: Mary Beth Langley
— "Visually Impaired Adults"
— Speakers: Dr. John Rieser, Dave Guth

- Workshop-Interest Group #10 CONFEDERATION ROOM #4, 5 & 6 (MM)**
 — 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 — “Canadian National Institute for the Blind
 CaterPlan Services-Organization and Policies”
 — Speaker: L.R. Smith
 — “Selection of Blind Persons for CaterPlan Services”
 — Speaker: Boyd Hipfner
 — “A CNIB Division’s Operating Experiences”
 — Speaker: W. Brinkert
 — “Program Promotion-Selecting Appropriate Information
 for Public Relations”
 — Speaker: Douglas DeVoe

- Workshop-Interest Group #11 CONFEDERATION ROOM #3 (MM)**
 — 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 — “Behavioral Applications to Rehabilitation Teaching”
 — Speakers: Susan Godley, James Rice, Michael Nelipovich

- Committee Meeting-AAWB/AEVH SUITE 2-136 (2)**
Joint Management Committee
 — 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

- Keynote Session and Welcoming Reception CONCERT HALL (C)**
 — Keynote Session-7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
 — Speaker: C.W. Daniel, President, Shell Canada Ltd.
 — Welcoming Reception-8:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

MONDAY JULY 20, 1981

- Registration CONVENTION FLOOR FOYER (C)**
 — 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

- Press Room & Conference HQ SALON B (C)**
 — 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

- Exhibits BALLROOM (C)**
 — 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

- General Session I CONCERT HALL (C)**
 — 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
 — Dorina Nowill
 — Presentation: Allen Award; Special Presentation: NAC Award

- Business Meeting I CONCERT HALL (C)**
 — 10:15 a.m. to 12:00 noon
 — Speaker: Jerry Dunlap, “President’s Address”
 — Re: Voting on new Constitution and Bylaws
 — Nominating Committee Report

- Meeting-Interest Group #1 CONFEDERATION ROOM #5 (MM)
 — 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 — “Fiscal Management”
 — Speakers: Dr. Douglas Inkster, Dr. Jerome Lorenz, Michael Nelipovich
- Meeting-Interest Groups #3, 7, 9, 11 CONCERT HALL (C)
 — 1:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.
 — “Interdisciplinary Approaches: Progressive Visual Impairment”
 — Chair: Sam Negrin
 — Speaker: Dr. Randall T. Jose - Low Vision
 — Speaker: Charles M. Bauserman - Orientation and Mobility
 — Speaker: Scott B. Oliver - Rehabilitation Teaching
 — Speaker: Eileen Hancock - Social Work
- Meeting-Interest Group #2 CONFEDERATION ROOM #3 (MM)
 — 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 — “The Rehabilitation and Employment of Visually Handicapped Individuals The Canadian Approach”
 — Moderator: Hugh Russel
 — Panel: The Vocational Rehabilitation Process”
 — Speaker: Frank J. Schmidt
 — “Job Development”
 — Speaker: James J. Euale
 — “Placement”
 — Speaker: W.J. McKeown
- Meeting-Interest Group #4 NEW BRUNSWICK ROOM (MM)
 — 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 — Chair: Edwin Hammer
 — “Issues in Assessment of Visually Impaired Children”
- Meeting-Interest Group #10 ALGONQUIN ROOM (MM)
 — 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 — “Operator Transfer and Promotion Problems Conducting an Administrative Review and Hearing”
 — Speaker: Mervin L. Darter
 — “Effective Supervision of the Vending Facility Operator—Tracing Causes of Facility Problems”
 — Speaker: William Morgan
 — “Techniques for Assessing Potential Facility Locations”
 — Speaker: James Goodwin
- Meeting-Interest Group #5 NEW BRUNSWICK ROOM (MM)
 — 3:15 p.m.-5:15 p.m.
 — “Telecommunications and the Print Handicapped in Canada”
 — Speaker: Colin Griffiths
 — “Full Page Paperless/Refreshable Braille”
 — Speaker: Bill Loughborough
 — Business Meeting (Nomination of Officers)

- Meeting-Interest Group #12 ALGONQUIN ROOM (MM)
 — 3:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.
 — “The Importance of Functional Abilities and
 Assessment for Low Vision People in Employment Settings”
 — Speakers: Susan H. Phillips and Daniel Van Horn
 — Business Meeting
- Meeting-Interest Group #13 CONFEDERATION ROOM #3 (MM)
 — 3:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.
 — Business Meeting
 — “The Deaf Blind Program in Canada”
- Meeting-Interest Group #14 CONFEDERATION ROOM #5 (MM)
 — 3:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.
 — Business Meeting
- Meeting-WCWB North America-Oceania Region. . NOVA SCOTIA ROOM (MM)
 — John Wilson (Australia), Chair
 — 3:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.
 — 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Reception-Interest Group #13 ONTARIO ROOM (C)
 — Helen Keller National Center Reception
 for Deaf-Blind Individuals
- Committee Meeting-Resolutions. SUITE 2-136 (2)
 — 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- Committee Meeting-CIGC ALGONQUIN ROOM (MM)
 — 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- Committee Meeting-Publications SASKATCHEWAN ROOM (MM)
 — 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- Meeting-Interest Group #7 CONFEDERATION ROOM #3 (MM)
 — 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
 — “Sensory Integration in Low Vision”
 — Chair: William Gallagher
 — Panel: Dr. Susan Spungin, William Wiener, Mark Usan, William Padula
- Meeting-Interest Group #1 NEW BRUNSWICK ROOM (MM)
 — 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 — “A National Council of Private Agencies for the Blind”
 — Moderator: Dr. Gerald Mundy
 — Panel: Dr. Leon Reid, Travis Harris
 — Business Meeting
- Meeting-Interest Group #2. PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND ROOM (MM)
 — 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 — Chair: George F. Arsnow
 — Business Meeting

Meeting-Interest Group #9 CONFEDERATION ROOM, #4, 5 & 6 (MM)
— 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
— Business Meeting
— Chair: Kent Wardell
— Committee Reports
— Nomination of Officers
— Presentation of Blaha Award

Reception-Interest Group #9 SUITE OF O&M CHAIRPERSON
— 9:30 p.m.
Honoring 1981 Recipient of Blaha Award

Meeting-Interest Group #11 TUDOR ROOM #7, 8 & 9 (MM)
— 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
— Chair: Dr. Tom Hanson
— Business Meeting

TUESDAY JULY 21, 1981

Registration CONVENTION FLOOR FOYER (C)
— 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Press Room and Conference HQ SALON B (C)
— 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Exhibits BALLROOM (C)
— 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

General Session II. CONCERT HALL (C)
— 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
— Speaker: John Wilson
— Presentation: McAulay Award

Concurrent Session A CONFEDERATION ROOM #4, 5 & 6 (MM)
— 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon
— "Influencing Future Directions in Social Research:
A Forum for Administrators,
Providers and Researchers"
— Moderator: Mary Morrison
— Speakers: Corinne Kirchner, Dr. Rod Michalko
— Reactor: Robert F. Mercer

Concurrent Session B TUDOR ROOM #7, 8 & 9 (MM)
— 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon
— "Integration of Visually Impaired Students
into the Regular School System"
— Moderator: Frank S. Penland
— Speakers: Dr. Rod Michalko, Dr. Jody Feldman,
Dr. Richard Umsted, Glen R. Slonneger

Concurrent Session C TERRITORIES ROOM (MM)

- 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon
- “The Professional as an Advocate for Services for Blind Persons”
- Moderator: Eileen Hancock
- Speakers: Sam Negrin, Euclid J. Herie, Carl Augusto

Concurrent Session D. PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND ROOM (MM)

- 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon
- “Medical Aspects of the Rehabilitation of Persons with Visual Disorders
- Speaker: Dr. Samuel P. Johnson

Meeting-Interest Group #7. SUITE 2-136 (2)

- 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon
- “T.L.C. (Tender Loving Care) of Visual Aids”
- Speakers: Dr. Richard Brilliant, Dr. Robert Ruggiero, Marc Stenzel
- “Low Vision Care: Two Approaches in Canada”
- Speakers: Dr. George Woo, Dr. Paul LeChance

Meeting-Interest Group #9 UPPER CANADA ROOM (18)

- 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon
- “Electronic Travel Aids— State of the Art”
Report of National Study
- Chair: Judy H. Lloyd
- Speaker: William H. Jacobson
- Remarks: ETA Manufacturers/Distributors

Meeting-Interest Group #1. SUITE 2-136 (2)

- 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- NAC Agency Directors. . . A Forum
- Moderator: Barry McEwen

Meeting-Interest Group #2 CONFEDERATION ROOM #3 (MM)

- 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- “Three of the Essential and Critical Phases of the Rehabilitation Process for Blind and Visually Impaired Individuals”
- Moderator: Louis Viececi
- “Counseling the Blind and Visually Impaired Client”
- Speaker: Dr. Harry Allen
- “Creating the Desirable Physical and Mental Image for the Job Search, Interview and for Employment”
- Speakers: Tonia Weeks and Carol Schroeder
- “The Use of Current Technology in Job Development and Placement”
- Speaker: Jerry Kuns

- Meeting-Interest Group #4. ALBERTA ROOM (MM)
 — 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 — “Gaps in Services-An Open Forum”
 — Moderators: Dr. Susan Spungin, Edwin Hammer
- Meeting-Interest Group #9 CONFEDERATION ROOM #4, 5 & 6 (MM)
 — 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 — Business Meeting
 — Chair: Kent Tyler Wardell
 — Old and New Business
 — Election Results
 — Transfer of Gavel
 — Remarks: James S. Liska
- Meeting-Interest Group #10. PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND ROOM (MM)
 — 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 — “Update on Randolph-Sheppard Program
 — Speaker: Dr. Robert J. Winn
 — “Report on Job Specification Standards”
 — Speaker: Danny McDaniel
 — Business Meeting
 — Joseph Wiggins, Chair
- Meeting-Interest Group #11 TUDOR ROOM #7, 8 & 9 (MM)
 — 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 — “Rehabilitation Teacher Qualifications-A Survey of State Agencies”
 — Moderator: Linda Nickerson
 — Speakers: Susan Godley, Michael Nelipovich
 — “Needs Assessment for Rehabilitation Teachers”
 — Speaker: Al Asenjo
 — Address by New Chairperson
- Meeting-Interest Group #1 CONFEDERATION ROOM #3 (MM)
 — 3:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.
 — “Fiscal Management”
 — Speakers: Dr. Douglas Inkster, Dr. Jerome Lorenz, Michael Nelipovich
- Meeting-Interest Group #3 NEW BRUNSWICK ROOM (MM)
 — 3:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.
 — “Family Reaction to Blindness and Visual Impairment”
 — Chair: Eileen Hancock
 — Speaker: Dr. Saul Freedman
- Meeting-Interest Group #5. ALBERTA ROOM (MM)
 — 3:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.
 — “Audio Educational Materials and Available Funding”
 — Speaker: Bryan Brightly
 — “Effectiveness of Radio in Teaching the Visually Handicapped”
 — Speaker: Theresa Siskind
 — Business Meeting (Election of Officers)

- Meeting-Interest Group #7. CONFEDERATION ROOM #4, 5 & 6 (MM)
 —3:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.
 —“Training for Visual Efficiency:
 Using Environmental Cues and Non-Optical Aids”
 —Speakers: Audrey Smith, Monica Belliveau
 —Business Meeting (Election)
 —Chair: Greg Goodrich
- Meeting-Interest Group #12. PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND ROOM (MM)
 —3:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.
 —“Current Canadian Rehabilitation Workshop Practices”
 —Presenters: Hugh Russel and John Avon
- Meeting-Interest Group #13. NOVA SCOTIA ROOM (MM)
 —3:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.
 —Business Meeting
- Meeting-Interest Group #14 QUEBEC ROOM (MM)
 —3:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.
 —“Education and Rehabilitation of Blind and
 Deaf Persons in Russia, Poland, and Finland”
 —Speaker: Gayle Hodge
- Meeting-Midwest Region SUITE 2-136 (2)
 —5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.
- Canada Night CANADIAN ROOM (C)
 —8:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight

WEDNESDAY JULY 22, 1981

- Registration CONVENTION FLOOR FOYER (C)
 —8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Press Room. SALON B (C)
 —8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Exhibits BALLROOM (C)
 —8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- General Session III. CONCERT HALL (C)
 —9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
 —Speaker: Geoffrey Gibbs
 —Presentation: Bledsoe Award
 —Introduction of new Executive Director
- Concurrent Session A CONFEDERATION ROOM #4, 5 & 6 (MM)
 —10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon
 —“Issues in Counseling the Blind and Visually Impaired”
 —Moderator: Arlene R. Gordon
 —Speaker: Dr. Joan B. Chase
 —Discussant: Doreen Winkler

- Concurrent Session B TUDOR ROOM #7, 8 & 9 (MM)
 —10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon
 —“Human Rights”
 —Moderator: Dr. Betty Bird
 —“*The Unexpected Minority*”
 —Speaker: John Gliedman
 —Commentator: Adrienne Asch
 —“The Relationship Between the Human Rights
 Movements for Handicapped Persons, Minorities and Women”
 —Speaker: Kathleen Megivern
 —“Strategies for Achieving Human Rights for Handicapped People”
 —Speaker: David Lepofsky
- Concurrent Session C TERRITORIES ROOM (MM)
 —10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon
 —“Program Evaluation in Human Service Agencies”
 —Moderator: Michael Nelipovich
 —Speakers: James Rice, Dr. Richard Bleecker, George Koger
- Concurrent Session D SUITE 2-136 (2)
 —10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon
 —“The Deaf Blind Person and the Adjustment to Blindness”
 —Chair: Martin A. Adler
 —Speakers: Janet Garrett, Gerard Guarniero,
 Linda Nickerson, Michelle Smithdas, McCay Vernon
- Meeting-Interest Group #7 NEW BRUNSWICK ROOM (MM)
 —10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon
 —“Special Diagnostic Tests in Low Vision”
 —Speakers: Robert D. Quillman-“Frostig Figure Ground Test”;
 Dr. David Lushin-“Spatial Contrast Sensitivity”
- Meeting-Interest Group #9 CONCERT HALL (C)
 —10:30 a.m. to 11:45 p.m.
 —“Orientation and Mobility Services in Canada”
 —Chair: Kent Tyler Wardell
- Voting SALON A (C)
 —10:15 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- President's Reception. ONTARIO ROOM (C)
 —6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.
- Head Table SALON A (C)
 —7:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.
- Shotwell Banquet CANADIAN ROOM (C)
 —7:45 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
 —Presentation: Medal and Scroll

THURSDAY JULY 23, 1981

- Press Room and Conference HQ SALON B (C)
— 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
- General Session IV CONCERT HALL (C)
— 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
— Speakers: William Gallagher and Robert Mercer
— Presentation: Past Presidents Award
- Business Meeting II CONCERT HALL (C)
— 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon
— Committee Reports
— Transfer of Gavel
— Speaker: William Coppage
— Special Presidential Award
- AAWB Caucuses CONCERT HALL (C)
— 12:00 noon to 12:30 p.m.
- Council of Interest
Group Chairpersons PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND ROOM (MM)
— 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Meeting-Board of Directors. BRITISH COLUMBIA ROOM (MM)
— 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Meeting-Program Committee, 1982 SUITE 2-136 (2)
— 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Conference Wrap-up Reception SUITE 2-136 (2)
— 7:30 p.m. to 12:00 midnight

AAWB RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions in every way, now were approved by the AAWB membership on July 23, 1981:

RESOLUTION 81-01

WHEREAS, The American Association of Workers for the Blind was invited to meet in Toronto, Canada for its conference from July 19, 1981 to July 23, 1981 and

WHEREAS, the Canadian hospitality saw to every need of all the AAWB members at the conference,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that AAWB express its appreciation to the Council of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind for arranging the conference, for acting as hosts for the conference and for inviting AAWB on behalf of all Canadian members of AAWB, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution with a sincere letter of thanks and appreciation be delivered to the CNIB from AAWB.

RESOLUTION 81-02

WHEREAS, The American Association of Workers for the Blind convened in Toronto, Canada for its biennial conference from July 19, 1981 to July 23, 1981 and

WHEREAS, there were certain groups in Canada which made every extra effort to make certain that the conference would be a success

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that

- 1) AAWB express its heartfelt thanks and sincere appreciation to the Government of Ontario and the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto for their interest and for their financial and other forms of assistance.
- 2) AAWB express its heartfelt thanks to the management and staff at the Royal York Hotel for its cooperation and assistance.
- 3) AAWB express its heartfelt thanks to all those businesses and commercial firms of Canada who showed their interest in AAWB and the Canadian National Institute for the Blind through their financial and moral support

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that appropriate letters of appreciation and thanks be mailed to those individuals in the Government of Ontario, the municipality of Metropolitan Toronto, the management of the Royal York Hotel, and the businesses and commercial firms of Canada who supported the conference expressing the thanks of the AAWB.

RESOLUTION 81-03

WHEREAS, The American Association of Workers for the Blind has endorsed and encouraged the provision of high quality services, and

WHEREAS, the continuation of high quality services through this period of financial unrest is undergoing re-evaluation and review, and

WHEREAS, the processes of self-evaluation and peer review are recognized as valuable techniques, and

WHEREAS, the majority of agencies serving blind and visually handicapped persons have made no evident effort to set and meet specific standards for services,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the American Association of Workers for the Blind, at both national and state levels, in the United States shall assess and review accreditation procedures designed to assure high quality services to blind and visually handicapped persons, and shall take appropriate action to input into the overall accreditation process, and shall actively promote the implementation of those procedures by state and private agencies.

RESOLUTION 81-04

WHEREAS, the American Association of Workers for the Blind adopted a deficit spending budget for the 1981 fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, the membership of the American Association of Workers for the Blind feels that deficit spending is not appropriate in a time of economic crisis and fiscal restraint, when spending should be controlled,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the membership of the American Association of Workers for the Blind expresses its concern with the deficit budget and calls upon the International Board to adopt a policy of balanced budgets in the future.

RESOLUTION 81-05

WHEREAS, U.S. Air discriminates against deaf-blind persons by requiring deaf-blind individuals to have an adult aide to accompany them during all air travel,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that

- 1) AAWB, through its central office, vigorously protest this discriminatory practice by U.S. Air,
- 2) that AAWB protest this practice to U.S. Government offices involved in airline regulations,
- 3) that AAWB protest directly to U.S. Air regarding this practice,

- 4) that AAWB in "News and Views" alert all of its membership to this discriminatory practice and recommend that members of AAWB write to U.S. Air condemning this practice.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WORKERS FOR THE BLIND
STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES

For the Month Ending August 31, 1981, With Year to Date Comparisons

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>1981 Budget</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Prior Year to Date</u>
Membership - Agency	23,500.00	20,946.50	23,501.50
Membership - Annual	49,500.00	50,017.63	44,194.50
Membership - Life	6,000.00	2,773.25	4,679.75
Membership - Associate	100.00	.00	60.00
Membership - Secretary	2,000.00	2,098.75	1,982.50
Membership - Student	2,000.00	1,472.50	2,156.25
Membership - Retired	400.00	936.25	352.50
Reimbursements in Advance	.00	587.72	721.84
Computer Project Income	1,100.00	98.24	601.78
Donations	8,850.00	8,877.87	500.00
Interest	4,000.00	3,346.97	2,638.14
National Conference Income	42,450.00	32,572.09	300.00
Other Income	1,500.00	4,742.27	64.05
Publications Fund Income	1,400.00	1,171.15	2,902.66
Travel Project Income	1,000.00	1,081.28	1,336.34
Legal Fund Income	10,000.00	13,060.00	.00
NCSAB Fund Income	4,260.00	2,537.00	.00
AFB Grant	25,000.00	12,500.00	10,000.00
Total Revenue	183,060.00	158,819.47	95,991.81
<u>General & Admin. Expenses</u>			
Salaries	62,200.00	42,591.60	31,333.28
Benefits	5,390.00	3,195.20	2,908.16
Taxes - Payroll	4,298.00	3,003.09	2,146.76
Travel Expenses	4,000.00	3,400.62	4,877.24
Supplies and Office Expense	5,000.00	1,659.97	1,358.56
Computer Services	2,200.00	1,570.40	1,469.37
Rent Expense	11,207.00	6,426.40	5,735.24
Printing and Duplicating	17,600.00	13,136.06	13,679.84
Accounting and Audit	1,200.00	3,600.00	675.00
Braille Expense	2,400.00	570.00	441.00
Postage and Freight	8,000.00	4,967.59	4,223.51
Contractual Services	2,350.00	2,679.85	2,143.57
Telephone Expense	4,000.00	2,795.79	1,833.75
Dues and Subscriptions	800.00	755.00	791.86
Outside Services	3,800.00	1,579.70	1,865.78
Miscellaneous Expenses	500.00	901.09	301.93
Committee and Board Expense	2,500.00	1,831.62	392.61
Plaques and Awards	.00	.00	380.68
BVI for Life Members	170.00	112.50	166.50
Insurance & Bonding Expense	2,180.00	1,802.79	2,155.75
National Convention Expense	30,400.00	5,685.59	352.25
Depreciation Expense	.00	.00	45.98
Legal Expense	12,000.00	22,314.62	.00
Repairs and Maintenance	.00	19.95	.00
Total Gen. & Admin.	182,195.00	124,599.43	79,278.62
Net Income (Loss)	865.00	34,220.04	16,713.19

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WORKERS FOR THE BLIND

BALANCE SHEET

August 31, 1981

ASSETS

Current Assets

Petty Cash	\$ 30.00
Cash - Union First	797.49
Cash - Home Federal	40,501.76
Certificate of Deposit - Home Federal	13,725.76
Certificate of Deposit - Northwest Federal	19,037.68
Savings - Columbia Federal (Interest Group 7)	1,021.13
Savings - Columbia Federal (Interest Group 11)	1,025.75
Investment - Cash Reserve Mgt. (MacFarland)	12,349.00
Investment - Cash Reserve Mgt.	3,706.10
Savings - Womens National (Dunlap to Africa)	<u>6,539.55</u>

Total Current Assets \$ 98,734.24

Fixed Assets

Furniture and Equipment	\$ 5,302.90
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(5,302.90)</u>
Leasehold Improvements	689.12
Less Accumulated Amortization	<u>(689.12)</u>

Total Fixed Assets .00

Total Assets \$ 98,734.24

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

Current Liabilities

Federal/FICA Payable	\$ 1,399.95
D.C. Withholding Payable	83.61
Virginia Withholding Payable	(14.89)
Retirement Fund Payable	<u>629.16</u>

Total Current Liabilities \$ 2,097.83

Fund Balances 96,636.41

Total Liabilities and Fund Balances \$ 98,734.24

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WORKERS FOR THE BLIND

FUND BALANCES

August 31, 1981

General Fund

Balance - January 1	\$ 41,649.89	
Net Income	<u>34,220.04</u>	
Balance - Current Month		75,869.93

MacFarland Fund - Restricted

Balance - January 1	10,946.05	
Contributions	.00	
Interest	1,329.00	
Expenses	<u>.00</u>	
Balance - Current Month		12,275.05

Interest Group 11 - Restricted

Balance - January 1	991.31	
Income	605.00	
Interest	30.90	
Expenses	<u>(596.51)</u>	
Balance - Current Month		1,030.75

Interest Group 7 - Restricted

Balance - January 1	892.22	
Income	.00	
Interest	28.91	
Expenses	<u>.00</u>	
Balance - Current Month		921.13

(Fund for Travel To WCWB)

Dunlap to Africa - Restricted

Balance - January 1	3,802.51	
Income	2,844.00	
Interest	143.04	
Expenses	<u>(250.00)</u>	
Balance - Current Month		<u>6,539.55</u>

Total Fund Balances		\$ 96,636.41
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REPORT OF THE HISTORY AND MEMORIAL COMMITTEE OF THE
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WORKERS FOR THE BLIND

C. Warren Bledsoe, Chairman

Once again the Chairman deeply regrets that he is unable to be present to read this report in person and sends his best hopes for wise deliberations during which the members will lead each other out of every misconception and turn the tables on every adverse political and social force.

Following is a list of members whose deaths have been reported since the last conference:

Pauline Blair
R. H. Blessing
Lahomma Bonnell
Herbert R. Brown
Tom Gresham
Frank H. Flinn
Joseph T. Fay
Edith Burrell Harrison
J. L. Hamil
Aubra Hurt
Mary Z. Jones
Ethel Lutin
Clark Marlar
Roger Manges
Maynie Bess Morris
Bill Owens
Floyd Qualls
Harold Roberts
Leonard A. Robinson
John Ross
W. W. Sandefer
Estelle Shaeffer
Hubert E. Smith
Peter J. Salmon
Maurice Tynan
Ruth Williams
P. J. Woods
Bill W. York

Human beings are the most valuable resource in such a social enterprise as ours. It is hardly possible to do too much honor to true dedication to the cause of blind people, especially when this dedication is shy, retiring, local and unpublicized, as was the case with some of the people whose names were just read.

One of the characteristics of the association which has diminished as it has grown and been regionalized is a sense that everyone knows everyone else. Nevertheless, there continue to be people everyone knows, who seem to know everyone, who have universal rapport and come close to representing the era in our field. Such a person was our dear and venerable friend Peter Salmon who died in his sleep on Dec. 21, 1980. It is not hard to imagine that our other colleagues who have died in the past two years might choose his career to represent their legacy of hope for the association. Such a person was Samuel Gridley Howe in his era and Sir Francis Campbell in his.

One of the members we have lost who would undoubtedly choose Peter to represent her was Edith Burrell Harrison, who died upright, aware and remembering at the age of 96. A real friend of

history, when it was told humanly, she had known Lady Campbell in her young days and related an enchanting little story about an encounter between Lady Campbell and an American blinded soldier who brashly asked how she, an American, had brought herself to take an English title. Lady Campbell replied by beginning at the beginning of her husband's life story and telling it all the way to the end in 1914. Edith Harrison, who was a bystander, said if the recital had been taken down it would have been a record touching on virtually every important development in work for the blind for three quarters of a century. And when Lady Campbell was done the blinded soldier had a new view of blindness, even his own.

Peter Salmon's story covers work for the blind in his time in much the same way. Of late years he could well have been styled the dean of work for the blind. But that would not have pleased him. It was too pompous a title. He was down to earth. He went to work in 1917 at the Brooklyn Industrial Home for the Blind as its business manager, and he was still associated with it 63 years later when he died. It remained his home base and experiment station through all the years during which his influence permeated agencies for the blind in the United States. No matter what he was doing nationally, his career of good works

was always abundant in and around Brooklyn.

On the basis of this experience he wrote a blueprint for model community services for the blind which was published in the Outlook for the Blind in 1926. It shows he knew from the beginning where he was going and foreshadowed the type if not the exact kind of achievements that were in his future. He promoted the Hawes-Cooper Bill in 1928 which paved the way for the Wagner-O'Day Act, passed in 1938, very largely through the doing of Peter and Robert Irwin. He participated in the establishment and continuation of National Industries for the Blind which made the Wagner-O'Day Act practical. He tackled the impossible relationship between ophthalmology and optometry to establish the first low vision clinic for the blind in the United States. He took up the seemingly impossible problem of the deaf-blind when it was on dead center, and, more than that, followed through year in and year out until a national program was set up. Decade after decade he searched for means to make agencies for the blind fair and ethical. This activity culminated in his promotion of the National Accreditation Council.

It would be impossible to enumerate the many state and Federal programs which bore the touch of his common sense and his goodness, not to mention his scorn of what

was false and mean. But there is one thing which should be described about him for the record and for the use which may be made of his example. This was his way as a counselor-of-state, at which he was a preeminent past master. At this he had a Ben Franklin quality applied with altruistic diplomacy in behalf of the blind.

There is one other member whom we have lost to whom we should give a fitting salute. This is Harold (Hank) Roberts, Executive Director of Helen Keller International, who died on June 13, 1981. This is a fresh grief to many of our members who were close to Hank, and it is a real loss to blind people of the world. He was a real pro, both in the field of social service from which he came and in work for the blind. In work for the blind, he served first as Associate Director of the American Foundation for the Blind and more recently as Executive Director of Helen Keller International. He fostered Helen Keller International programs for the education and rehabilitation of the blind in Asia, Africa and Latin America. He pioneered in research and treatment of Vitamin A deficiency blindness, the leading cause of vision loss among young children in impoverished nations. He was a member of the executive board of the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind and Chairman of its Committee

on Aid to Developing Countries; he was a member of the Executive Committee, International Council for the Education of the Visually Handicapped, and Chairman, Advisory Council, Helen Keller Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults. And as AAWB knew him best he was a very willing and able president for two years, 1975-1977.

The Texas Association has brought to our attention a touching memorial to Bill York, rehabilitation counselor and administrator of the Criss Cole Rehabilitation Center and later supervisor of the commission's state-wide field program. He was posthumously honored by the Sammie K. Rankin Memorial Award. Also a tree was planted on the grounds of the Criss Cole Center near a bench which he had called his meditation bench.

It is the unique function of the History and Memorial Committee of the AAWB once at every conference to direct the attention of the members to our own mortality and to the immortality of our friends no longer with us in the flesh. To prime our souls for this important spiritual exercise it is a tradition to turn to poetry.

It is one of the aspects of history that voices from the past have a way of suddenly making themselves heard as Joan of Arc found out. It is a poor profession that does not have

saints in Heaven speaking
out of the blue to us for
and against things.
Samuel Gridley Howe and
Helen Keller are particularly
vigorous in ours. It is
very important in our inward
reflections to keep up
this dialogue. Woodrow
Wilson said there is nothing
so benighting as the patronage
of one age toward another.

Sometimes an outsider
keeps nudging us and asking
to have a say. And for
several years Sir Walter
Raleigh has been plucking
at the chairman's unconscious
and asking to speak
a word for immortality in a
poem he wrote while waiting
in the tower of London to
have his head cut off. It
was a fairly long wait, giving
him time to polish his
poem. Below is an excerpt.
Also, if you think Sir Walter's
poem is a little far out for
AAWB conventioners in 1981,
just remember that he had
been far out into the "Ocean
Sea" and had the man of action
faith which we associate
with aviators and astronauts
today. This enabled
him not only to write the
poem, but to joke with his
executioners when he came to
lay his head on the block.
He called the Poem "The
Pilgrimage."

And this is mine eternal
plea
To Him that made heaven,
earth, and sea,
That, since my flesh must
die so soon,
And what a head to dine next
noon,

Just at the stroke, when my
veins start and spread,
Set on my soul an everlasting
head!
Then am I ready, like a
palmer fit,
To tread those blest paths
which before I writ.

Of death and judgment, heaven
and hell,
Who oft doth think, must
needs die well.

THE MEMBERSHIP TOTALS OF THE CHAPTERS AND NON-CHAPTERS
FOR 1981 (as of July)

TOTALS: 2,960 Individuals
 147 Agencies

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Alabama	157	2
Arizona	52	3
Arkansas	99	2
Northern California	114	7
Southern California	79	4
D. C. Maryland	58	1
Florida	126	4
Georgia	81	2
Great Plains	17	2
Illinois	95	2
Indiana	19	1
Louisiana	32	3
Michigan	99	6
Minnesota	33	3
Mississippi	130	1
Missouri - Kansas	36	3
Northeast	139	5
New Jersey	74	5
New Mexico	13	2
New York	192	23
North Carolina	88	2

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Northwest	15	4
Ohio	185	7
Oklahoma	202	4
Pennsylvania-Delaware	200	16
Rocky Mountain	37	3
South Carolina	32	1
Tennessee	56	3
Texas	115	5
Virginia	113	2
Wisconsin	59	2

NON-CHAPTER REPORTS

Hawaii	6	1
Iowa	4	
Kentucky	2	1
Nevada	4	
Canada	188	12
Australia	1	
West Virginia	3	2
Saudi Arabia	1	
Switzerland	1	
West Germany	3	
South Africa		
Bahrain		

1981 AAWB AGENCY MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Stuart Grout, Chairman

As of July 6, 1981, agency memberships in AAWB had shown a decrease from the comparable date in 1981.

Details are found in the following Table:

Agency membership renewal notices were sent by the Office of the Executive Director. The Chairman personally undertook a mailing to all agencies that had not renewed their dues by early April.

<u>Categories</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Number of agencies	156	143	- 13
Dues (gross amount)	\$24,505	\$21,550	- \$2,955
Dues (minus chapter amount)	24,140	21,432	- 2,708
Agency amount budgeted		23,500	- 19
No. of new agencies	25	6	
4 agencies increased the amount contributed from 1980 to 1981.			
15 agencies increased the amount contributed from 1979 to 1980.			
7 agencies decreased the amount contributed from 1980 to 1981.			
3 agencies decreased the amount contributed from 1979 to 1980.			

Recommendations for Future Years

As of July, 1981, a total of 147 agencies had paid dues for the 1981 calendar year. There are several thousand eligible agencies in the United States alone and next year's membership committee could do well to devise some effective ways of reaching those agencies which do not pay dues--perhaps some incentive such as a discount for individual

memberships if the individual's agency has paid its membership dues.

There was some modest success in soliciting memberships among exhibitors at the Oklahoma City convention. It would be the recommendation of your chairman that next year's membership committee undertake a similar solicitation.

REPORT OF ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY
CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

William R. Wiener, Chairman

Below are names of candidates who were approved for AAWB Mobility Instructor Certification by the AAWB Board of Directors at their meeting in May, 1981 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Permanent Certification (6)

Karen Deveraux
Shelley R. Kashinsky
Terry R. Lugenbeal
Randi Rae Maile
William B. Mattingly
Terry G. Miller

Professional Certification (3)

Susan B. Herman
Shari L. Katz
Brenda Lee Fielder Thompson

Electronic Travel Aids (3)

Joyce Davis
JoEllen Hanchett
Denise Pascuzzi Muntz

Provisional (47)

Caroline C. Adams
Delmar D. Addis, Jr.
Cheryl E. Jackson Baker
Shari S. Bakst
Michael R. Beck
Belen Brambila
Elisa P. Burum
Judith L. Cash
Margaret Merkert Cassidy

Danita R. Crow
Judith A. Davidhizar
Kathleen S. Deaver
Dorene P. Donahue
Marcia M. Wazeter
Sabrina A. Wisdom
Cindy S. Eitutis
Angela Whitsett Gilbert
Richard Goldstein
Michael S. Hart
Christine Kershner
Pauline J. Kotun
Susan C. Lanciers
Kathleen A. Lanz
Susan C. Linklater
Gulden Lloyd
James W. Love
Donna S. McSpadden
Mary Michaud
Jan Corley Walker
Robin F. Weinstock
Andrea Mondo
Jeanette L. Moyer
Tobi J. Phillips
Lance Potter
Kay Rearic
Mary K. Reiff
Marc Shanker
Edward B. Stone
Janace A. Stroud
James T. Sullivan
Pamala Titus
Jerold Tucker
Virginia Vanta
Wanda B. Veal
Carol T. Viera
Cora Woogen
Thomas D. Yoder

REPORT OF ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY
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Below are names of candidates who were approved for AAWB Mobility Instructor Certification by the AAWB Board of Directors at their meeting in July, 1981 at Toronto, Canada

Anna E. Ortiz
Karen Pike
Lisa O. Presson
Jennifer A. Richmond
Cynthia B. Taikowski
Nadine Van Beuskom
Patricia A. Winegar

Provisional Certification

Permanent Certification

Lydia T. Barden
Laura A. Bozeman
William E. Daugherty
Marshall E. Flax
Nora A. Griffin
Diane Linda Hansen
Tyra Hawkins
Beth W. Helmers
Richard M. Kelleher
Nancy G. Kraft
Terri Kugelmas
Robert C. Laurent
James A. Leja
Danna K. Majefski

Jonathan Kirk Horton
Daniel J. McLinden
Debra A. Phillips Nelson

ETA Certification

J. Kirk Horton
Gerald Kitzhoffer
Daniel J. McLinden
James R. Newcomer
Mary K. Reiff
Margaret Tomasik

Note: To check on the name of a person certified in late 1979 or in 1980, write to the Chairperson of the O & M Certification Committee c/o AAWB Central Office.

REPORT OF THE REHABILITATION TEACHERS CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

July 1979 - July 1981

Members of the Rehabilitation Teachers Certification Committee met in Boston in June, 1980, in Chicago in January, 1981 and in Toronto on July 21 & 22, 1981.

On June 23, 1980, new Rehabilitation Teacher Certification Requirements were approved by the AAWB Board of Directors. New application materials were developed in order to integrate the processing of applications under both the new and previous requirements which remain active for specified candidates.

90 applications were received with 13 carried over from the previous report period. The following actions were taken by the committee:

- 52 were approved for Permanent Certification.
- 26 were approved for Provisional Certification.
- 3 were approved for renewal of Provisional Certification.
- 11 were closed as inactive
- 16 were held for processing pending receipt of additional supporting data.

Rehabilitation Teachers Permanently Certified

<u>Name</u>	<u>State of Residence</u>	<u>Date</u>
Doyle, Ann E.	Ohio	11-8-79
Horton, J. Kirk	New York	11-8-79
Kinder, Don R.	Virginia	11-8-79
Kordas, Ronald	Texas	11-8-79
Lane, Maria I.	Pennsylvania	11-8-79
Matsuoka, Judy C.	Illinois	11-8-79
Nooner, Stephen M.	Illinois	11-8-79
Pool, Judy	Oklahoma	11-8-79
Vlahas, Susan	Michigan	11-8-79
Weith, Vickie	Wisconsin	11-8-79
Barnett, Karen A.	Ohio	6-23-80
Dean, Virginia G.	Ohio	6-23-80
Gainan, Heidi A.	Montana	6-23-80

Heiden, Bonnie V.	Minnesota	6-23-80
Henry, Nancy K.	New York	6-23-80
Knipple, Barbara M.	Ohio	6-23-80
Koch, Gloria S.	Ohio	6-23-80
Marie-Luce, Nancy J.	Alabama	6-23-80
Marston, Margaret E.	Indiana	6-23-80
Matlak, Marjorie A.	Ohio	6-23-80
Moe, Peggy A.	Minnesota	6-23-80
Palmer, Kathryn L.	Massachusetts	6-23-80
Sprague, Albert W.	Ohio	6-23-80
Watson, Deborah E.	Ohio	6-23-80
Young, Pamela S.	Tennessee	6-23-80

Anderson, Gail Gloria	Maryland	11-7-80
DeSantis, Martha M.	Arizona	11-7-80
Golembiewski, Donald J.	Wisconsin	11-7-80
Mann, Lois Beth	Ohio	11-7-80
McAleb, Libby	Arkansas	11-7-80
Nyberg, Lawrence R.	Wisconsin	11-7-80
Stiteley, Howard Jay	Ohio	11-7-80
Tartaglia, Joseph R.	New York	11-7-80

Dillard, Walter L.	Florida	5-7-81
Hostaller, Jayne Ellen	Florida	5-7-81
Kraft, Sandi Claire	Illinois	5-7-81
Krueger, Norine	Florida	5-7-81
Mattox, Diane Duncan	Ohio	5-7-81
Shiner, Mary Jean	Vermont	5-7-81
Vollmar, Gale Becker	Illinois	5-7-81
Weiss, Jeff N.	Arkansas	5-7-81
Weiss, Johnette	Arkansas	5-7-81

Blanton, Douglas Carl	California	7-18-81
Brown, Mildred C.	Washington, D.C.	7-18-81
Caldwell, Cynthia Ann	Michigan	7-18-81
Hall, Linda Bierkan	Michigan	7-18-81
Kainer, Louise Cora	Arizona	7-18-81
Kleman, Janice Marie	New York	7-18-81
Nevler, Marilyn	New York	7-18-81
Robinson Terry Lou	California	7-18-81
Rosen, Sandra J.	California	7-18-81
Stout, Thomas H.	Wisconsin	7-18-81

Provisional Certification - Renewal

Reigle, Sharon	Michigan	11-8-79
Gansl, Karen Walser	Ohio	11-7-80
Bebee, Carolyn O'Keefe	Maine	7-18-81

Provisional Certification

Barvinski, Karen	Florida	11-8-79
Blanford, Ruth	Arkansas	11-8-79
DeSantis, Martha M.	Arizona	11-8-79
Doss, Thomas	Oklahoma	11-8-79
Easley, Joey L.	Arkansas	11-8-79
Jones, Jimmy D.	Arkansas	11-8-79
Winston, Carolyn	Virginia	11-8-79
Yeoman, Nan	Ohio	11-8-79
Brantley, Julie A.	Oklahoma	6-23-80
Coleman, Martha J.	Ohio	6-23-80
Dyer, Marjorie	Ohio	6-23-80
Finlay, Dee Ann E.	Ohio	6-23-80
Green, Dorothy H.	New York	6-23-80
Pinkhava, Julie A.	Ohio	6-23-80
Stewart, Carol A.	Ohio	6-23-80
Haag, Elizabeth I.	Ohio	11-7-80
Irving, Ann R.	New York	11-7-80
Sego, Lillian V.	Ohio	11-7-80
Quiroz, Jane Dixon	Colorado	11-7-80
Del Vecchio, Susan M.	Ohio	5-7-81
Raymont, Sheryl Lyn	Ohio	5-7-81
Rubino, Daria Scalzitti	Pennsylvania	5-7-81
Bever, Jerome F.	Wisconsin	7-18-81
Cadle, Jean Sabina	Maryland	7-18-81
Dillon, Lenore J.	Indiana	7-18-81
Strittmatter, Mary Jo	Ohio	7-18-81

Respectfully submitted,

Scott B. Oliver, Chairman
Norman Dalke
Doris Goetz
Michael Nelipovich
Linda C. Olson
Charla Reaume Houston

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF DIVISION CHAIRS MEETING

Greg Goodrich, Chairperson

CDC met twice during the AAWB conference to elect a new chairperson, to develop plans for the 1982 MacFarland Seminar and to discuss other items of business.

Acting on a recommendation from Chairperson Greg Goodrich the Council voted to establish a MacFarland Program Committee. The Committee's purpose will be to select a topic, arrange for speakers and to coordinate the MacFarland Seminar with the AAWB Program Committee. The 1982 Committee will be Chaired by Betty Bird with George Arsnow and Greg Goodrich serving on the Committee. Several suggestions of topics for the MacFarland Seminar in 1982 were made by those members present.

The Council also endorsed the recommendations of the previous MacFarland Committee suggesting guidelines for fees and scheduling of the MacFarland Seminar in future years. The intent of these recommendations is to strengthen the Seminars, propose a means of making the Seminars economically self-sufficient, and to provide a means for the Council of Division Chairs to gain funds which can be used to partially defray mailing and other costs incurred by the various Divisions. Such funds are needed in order for all Divisions to maintain communication with

their respective professional goals. The council urged speedy action on the recommendations by the Executive Committee. The MacFarland Committee consisted of Randy Jose, Jim Liska, Greg Goodrich and Betty Bird (Chair).

The Council also supported the recommendation to the Program Committee that it consider the adoption of a "call for papers" format for some portions of the program currently allotted to General Sessions and/or Concurrent Sessions. The "call for papers" format would allow for more active participation by AAWB members and would allow for the rapid dissemination of new topics and ideas. This format is one that is already used by many professional groups with a great deal of success.

Dr. Julie Jones, Executive Secretary, Association of Educators of the Visually Handicapped attended the second Council meeting and invited all the Divisions and AAWB members to attend and participate in the AEVH National Conference to be held in Vancouver, British Columbia June 27 through July 1, 1982. The Council thanks Dr. Jones and AEVH for this generous offer and we look forward to further cooperation with our friends and colleagues in AEVH.

A final item of discussion

was the adequacy of mailing lists from the national office. John Maxson stated that one problem has been that members do not specify Division affiliations on their membership requests and renewals. The Council urged all Division Officers and Chapter Membership Chairpersons to encourage members to state their Division preference. This is particularly important in more than one Division.

Elections were held for the 1982 Chair of the Council and Mr. Kent Wardell was elected to succeed Greg Goodrich.

The Council also wishes to thank Mr. John Maxson for the exceptional job that he did as AAWB's Executive Director and we wish him every success in Arizona. We also welcome our new Executive Director, Kathy Megivern and look forward to working with her in the coming years.



l. to r., George Mallinson, presenter of the Shotwell scroll; Donald Blasch, recipient of the Shotwell medal and scroll; and William Milton, presenter of the Shotwell medal.

PRESENTATION OF THE AMBROSE M. SHOTWELL MEMORIAL SCROLL

To

Donald Blasch

By

George G. Mallinson

President Dunlap, honored platform guests, fellow members of the AAWB, and colleagues of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, and particularly Don and Virginia Blasch.

You have heard Bill Milton's statements about Professor Blasch's outstanding accomplishments in services for the blind. There is more that could be said, and what I originally prepared to present tonight covered some of these other facets. But, an event transpired this week that rendered my preparation eminently redundant. I shall discuss that event in greater detail in a moment. First, however, I should like to speak briefly about Blasch the man.

Don and I and other colleagues have travelled extensively on activities related to blind rehabilitation. We've travelled to Washington, San Francisco, Denver, Atlanta, New Orleans, St. Louis, Chicago and many other places. As a result of those experiences, I've come to recognize his warm, compassionate and understanding nature, and particularly his sensitivity to the feelings of others, characteristics I lack to a great degree and I envy him.

I have also learned a great deal from Don as a result of both of us liking professional football and on many occasions have travelled 425 miles (each way) to watch the St. Louis Football Cardinals play. Our wives give us peculiar looks when we make such trips. Even on Thanksgiving Day.

But Don is a sportsman in other ways - he is often compared with our former President Ford. Both played center and linebacker on their college teams, although Don wore a helmet. Both are golfers who drive golfballs into living things. President Ford does it to people, whereas Don does it to dogs as witnessed when he knocked his dog unconscious with a drive to the dog's head.

But now the event that transpired yesterday that made my original presentation unnecessary. I received a telex yesterday that reads as follows:

STATE OF MICHIGAN

MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE.
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
273 OFFERED BY SENATORS
WELBORN, FAXON, KELLY,
COBIN, PLawecki AND ARTHURHULTZ.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
HONORING DONALD BLASCH.

WHEREAS, ON JULY 22, 1981 DONALD BLASCH, PROFESSOR OF BLIND REHABILITATION AND MOBILITY AT WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, WILL RECEIVE THE AMBROSE M. SHOTWELL MEMORIAL AWARD FROM THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WORKERS FOR THE BLIND. IT IS WITH PRIDE AND PLEASURE THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE CONGRATULATE MR. BLASCH AND JOIN WITH HIS COLLEAGUES, FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN EXTOLLING HIS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS= AND

WHEREAS, THE AMBROSE M. SHOTWELL MEMORIAL AWARD IS GIVEN TO INDIVIDUALS WHOSE LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE HAVE EXERTED INFLUENCE ON A NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL LEVEL ON BEHALF OF BLIND REHABILITATION AND MOBILITY. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT MR. BLASCH QUALIFIES FOR THIS PRESTIGIOUS HONOR. SINCE COMING TO WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY IN 1961, HE HAS LAID THE FOUNDATION FOR PROGRAMS WHICH ASSIST BLIND AND LOW VISION PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD= AND

WHEREAS, THE MAJOR THRUST OF HIS WORK HAS COME THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF BLIND REHABILITATION AND MOBILITY AT WESTERN, WHICH HE FOUNDED AND THEN SHARED FOR MANY YEARS. HIS INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS HAVE PREPARED MANY INDIVIDUALS TO TEACH BLIND PEOPLE MOBILITY AND SKILLS NECESSARY TO GET THEM THROUGH THE ORDINARY COURSE OF A DAY. MR. BLASCH HAS

ALSO PIONEERED IN THE FIELD OF LOW VISION THERAPY. HIS HARD WORK HAS BEEN A KEY FACTOR IN HELPING BLIND MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN LEAD FULLER, MORE PRODUCTIVE LIVES= AND

WHEREAS, MR. BLASCH HAS BEEN WIDELY RECOGNIZED FOR HIS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS. HE IS THE RECIPIENT OF THE BUNDY AWARD OF THE SEEING EYE, THE LAWRENCE E. BLAHA MEMORIAL AWARD, AND THE MIGEL MEDAL, AS WELL AS BEING HONORED AS THE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR FROM NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY. HIS EXPERTISE HAS BEEN TAPPED AND HIS PROGRAMS ADOPTED BY MANY INSTITUTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES AND IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES SUCH AS NEW ZEALAND, ENGLAND AND POLAND. INDEED, MR. BLASCH HAS DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF, WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY AND THE STATE OF MICHIGAN THROUGH HIS SELFLESS SERVICE= NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE (THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING), THAT TRIBUTE BE HEREBY EXTENDED TO MR. DONALD BLASCH UPON HIS RECEPTION OF THE AMBROSE M. SHOTWELL MEMORIAL AWARD FROM THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WORKERS FOR THE BLIND= AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE TRANSMITTED TO MR. BLASCH AS EVIDENCE OF THE ESTEEM HELD FOR HIM.

ADOPTED BY THE SENATE,

June 30, 1981

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES June 30, 1981.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THOMAS S. HUSHAND= SECRETARY OF THE SENATE WILLIAM C. KANDLER

And now to read the scroll,
the second element of the
Shotwell Award.

The American Association of Workers for the Blind, Inc.
Professor Donald Blasch
An outstanding administrator, teacher, and scholar in providing services for the blind and visually impaired, whose influence has radiated to programs at the local, regional and international levels. With distinguished colleagues, he developed the first program in Orientation and Mobility for blinded veterans at Hines Veterans Administration Hospital. He was the first Director at Western Michigan University of one of the first two university-based programs for training Orientation and Mobility Specialists and the first for training Rehabilitation Teachers. He has typified the unswerving dedication and integrity that have advanced services for the blind and visually impaired. These accomplishments have left a legacy that will have impact for decades to come. In recognition of his unselfish contributions, we present the Ambrose M. Shotwell Award in the City of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, on this twenty-second day of July, in the year of Our Lord 1981.

PRESENTATION OF THE AMBROSE M. SHOTWELL MEDAL

To

Donald Blasch

By

W. E. Milton

Mr. President, Mr. Minister, Members of the Blasch Family, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Tonight, once again, we honor the memory of Ambrose M. Shotwell by bestowing the award which bears his name on one who has demonstrated the kind of commitment and dedication to the field of blindness that characterized his life. The distinction of being singled out in this way by one's peers is reserved for the few who show themselves worthy of such recognition by the significance of the contribution they have made. Professor Donald Blasch has earned this distinction and I am proud to have been invited to participate, along with Dr. George Mallinson, in presenting this two-part award to him this evening. Like all who have been associated with him in AAWB and who have known and worked with him, I have great respect for him as a person and as a devoted and effective worker on behalf of blind people.

It is appropriate, too, that Donald Blasch should

receive this award in this Canadian convention year and that a Canadian should play a part in this ceremony. His influence and that of the programs he has pioneered and directed have been felt beyond the borders of his native United States. Canadians have enrolled in both rehabilitation teaching and orientation and mobility programs at Western Michigan University and have come under the spell of Professor Blasch. Both American and Canadian graduates of these programs have been and are working in this country on the staff of The Canadian National Institute for the Blind and with other service providers such as the Montreal Association for the Blind and L'institut Nazareth et Louis Braille.

In looking at the record, it is interesting to note that it was at the 1937 convention of AAWB here in Toronto that the Shotwell Award Committee was established. It was also in that year of 1937 that Donald Blasch began his career as a psychologist. He took time out to serve

his country from 1941-46 during World War II, but returned to devote the rest of his career to the field of work for the blind with the outstanding results which have brought him to this table this evening.

Donald Blasch has served this Association long and well. He has been a member of its Board of Directors and Executive Committee and has held the office of Secretary. He has chaired and been a member of a variety of committees, including the Committee on structure and regionalization of AAWB, and was a prime mover in the formation of the Michigan Chapter of AAWB, serving as its first president in 1968-69. He was influential in the establishment of orientation and mobility interest groups in both AAWB and AEVH. Donald Blasch has been a standard setter. His name and high standards in programming and the qualifications of personnel are synonymous. He has been the expert working on committees and behind the scenes making things happen. He served on the Committee on Standards for Orientation and Mobility Services of COMSTAC, the Commission on Standards and Accreditation, and later on the Advisory Committee on Educational Services of the National Accreditation Council. He has chaired and served on committees on standards and certification of both orientation and mobility specialists and rehabilitation teachers.

Donald Blasch has contributed widely and significantly to the literature in the field of blindness. He has been and is widely sought as a consultant at home and abroad, serving in this capacity with Federal and State services for the blind, the Veterans Administration and various universities, to mention only a few. Throughout his career, he has been involved in a broad range of research assignments including low vision aids, programmed learning materials for the blind and electronic travel aids.

Donald Blasch has had great impact on the lives of a great many people. He has had great impact on program development in the fields of rehabilitation and orientation and mobility. It has been the kind of impact which has been very positive and very pervasive and which will have a profound and long-lasting effect. He has set in motion certain forces and standards of excellence which will bear fruit for many years to come. While Donald Blasch would be the first to give full credit to his associates, he is the one who has made Western Michigan what it is, a place to which others turn.

In a 1942 article about the Shotwell Award, Francis B. Ierardi in referring to a tribute to Mr. Shotwell written by Dr. S.C. Swift, one of the founders of CNIB, states: "No one reading this brief sketch by Dr. Swift can fail to conclude that

Mr. Shotwell was not only an active participant in the efforts to solve the problems which confronted those in the work of his day, but also that his leadership was much sought by his fellow workers." We can say the same of Donald Blasch today.

In the same article, Mr. Ierardi says of Shotwell award recipients, not knowing that he himself would become one 16 years later: "Their accomplishments stand as a beacon light in the path of progress of their followers who will be guided to greater effort and achievement by reason of their success."

In his now-famous review of Shotwell award recipients in the 1968 edition of "Blindness", C. Warren Bledsow describes them as "faithful people" and says of them: "The achievements

and graces which they gave the world are a moral, inherited capital which is an honorable kind of vested interest. And this vested interest must be exploited by re-investing it in the minds of those who are currently active."

We are proud tonight to add Professor Donald Blasch to the ranks of that distinguished company of "faithful people."

Don, it is my pleasure and privilege, on behalf of the American Association of Workers for the Blind, and in appreciation and recognition of your outstanding contributions in your field, to present to you this Ambrose M. Shotwell Distinguished Service Medal.

ACCEPTANCE OF AMBROSE M. SHOTWELL MEMORIAL
MEDAL & SCROLL

Donald Blasch

Mr. President, Distinguished Guests and Fellow Members of the American Association of Workers for the Blind:

Needless to say, I am deeply touched by the honors you have bestowed on me and am at a loss to find words to express my gratitude. I feel deeply honored to be among the recipients of this Award and particularly delighted to follow a person like Ross C. Purse.

There is very little that one can achieve as a result of his/her own personal efforts; invariably, others helped along the way. Over the years, I have been extremely fortunate to have been associated with many outstanding people. They have aided me in my endeavors and should share the credit for any success I might have achieved. My wife, Virginia, my daughter, Cheryl, and my son, Bernard, have supported and encouraged me in all my endeavors.

I first entered into the field of Blind Rehabilitation with the Veterans Administration Hospital at Hines, Illinois. It was not my intention to work with blind veterans at the time I took the Civil Service Examinations, but Russell C. Williams, the Chief of the newly-created Blind Rehabilitation Center, recruited me to be

the counseling psychologist for the Center. I learned a great deal from him and later, from Loyal E. Apple who replaced him. The Consultants to the Center: Dr. Richard Hoover, Warren Bledsoe, Kay Gruber and Father Carroll did much to help me gain a better understanding of the field. The entire staff at the Center was extremely helpful to me and taught me a great deal.

Reluctantly, I left Hines after a tenure of ten years to establish programs in Blind Rehabilitation on a graduate level at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan. I firmly believe I was drafted for this position in a rather subtle manner by a very energetic and persuasive person -- the Dean of the Graduate School -- Dr. George G. Mallinson. Also, Mr. Williams got in the habit of calling me at 2 or 3 in the morning, urging me to go to Western, which I finally did and have never regretted doing so.

My colleagues at Western have been very helpful. Dr. William Burian, Dean of the College of Health and Human Services, has been very supportive of the programs, and has gone out of his way to be helpful. I have served under three different deans and all have

been supportive of the Blind Rehabilitation programs. Many people believe Dr. George G. Mallinson has always been my dean as we have worked together on many projects and research problems in the area of blind rehabilitation and habilitation.

I have also been extremely fortunate in having had a skilled, dedicated and knowledgeable staff. They have all personally contributed to advancements in the field. I am especially indebted to Ruth Kaarlela and Stanley Suterko. There are hundreds of graduates who are making their marks in the field and I am proud of their contributions.

My affiliation with the administrators and staff of the Veterans Administration and Blind Centers continues to enrich my knowledge of the field. John Malamazian, Joe Hennessey and others have been a great help to me. I would be remiss if no mention was made of the personnel from various private state and federal agencies. It is impossible to mention all the people who have helped me, but I would like to mention a few, such as Kay and Bill Gallagher and his staff in the private sector; Lou Rives and Bob Winn on the federal level; and Tom Murphy and Paul Glatz on the state level. It is in behalf of all these, and many others, that I accept this Medal and Scroll.

For the past several decades there have been

tremendous advancements in developing our technology and medical services. There has also been a corresponding increase in interest in the field of blind rehabilitation. This increase in interest has been implemented by a recognition that developments in the field of psychology, social work, psychiatry, medicine, social research and others are also applicable in helping more and more handicapped persons achieve higher levels of independence, reach a greater variety and level of vocational goals, and enable them to better integrate in a nonhandicapped social structure of their peers. In many cases, the main goal will be to enhance their quality of life, and this is a noteworthy goal.

The growth of professionalism in the field for the past several decades has been most astounding. As Mr. Kumpe mentioned in 1975, "It's most gratifying to see how many blind and sighted persons have enthusiastically accepted the challenge in both education and rehabilitation programs of the blind." Mr. Kumpe will be happy to know that that number of professionals turned out by the various Universities has doubled since then but, just as important, the young professionals tend to stay in the field.

Interest in the persons retaining residual vision has greatly increased, and we are better providing

optimal vision care for people to see the development of training programs for partially sighted. It is especially heartening to see the development of training programs for partially-sighted persons with their prescribed low visual aids and without them. There remains a great deal to be done in this area, and I believe personnel in blind rehabilitation and habilitation are best equipped to do this work.

A multitude of electronic devices have appeared in the market place this past decade. They range from reading machines to travel aids. Their help to the visually-impaired person varies from individual to individual. There is no doubt that they have increased the vocational potential of the visually handicapped individual. Many devices that work well in a laboratory setting may not work as well when used by a visually-handicapped person in the natural environment. I believe we need to spend more time matching the individual with the device and then providing them with adequate training in its use.

It is indeed gratifying to see the improvements that have taken place in the field. Before we become too complacent and try to rest on our laurels, there is still much to be done and we have a long way to go.

In closing, let me point out that we are face to face with several hazards. First,

there is the economic crunch that will have a direct bearing on many of the programs now in existence. Second is the danger of being entrapped by well-sounding phrases and good intentions. I specifically refer to terms like "generic" and "mainstreaming." Severe visual impairment has many uniquenesses and it takes a highly-skilled person to work with a person with visual impairments. This task cannot be left solely with generalists. Third is the problem of "How do we improve the quality of life of the older visually-impaired client?"

I am sure that members of the AAWB will be in the forefront in solving the problems of the field. I would like to thank the Awards Committee and you for selecting me for this very high honor.

PRESENTATION OF THE ALFRED ALLEN AWARD

To

Louise D. Cowan

By

Robert Storey

This association has done many laudable things during its long history. One of the most significant is its action in commemorating the life of Alfred Allen. Alfred Allen was a selfless, indefatigable worker in the interest of blind persons. To me, it appears most appropriate that his name should be linked with the Award which I have the privilege of presenting this morning.

In 1981, the recipient of the Alfred Allen Award is Louise D. Cowan. Strange to relate, apart from a brief stint in the National Library of the CNIB following her graduation from McMaster University in 1943, most of her working life has been spent in supervisory or consultative capacities which would not seem to involve direct client service. Following her earning a Masters of Social Work degree from the University of Toronto in 1948, she supervised the rehabilitation teaching program of the Ontario Division of CNIB. In 1961 she became National Consultant, Social Service and Rehabilitation Teaching for the organization. For both of these positions, I am sure that her other colleagues will join

me in attesting to the fact that direct client service is what it was all about. Not only did she make sure that those whom she was supervising provided that service with diligence and empathy. She also found the time in her busy schedule to take a personal interest in clients from the entire nation, and, indeed, from throughout the world. Her warmth and genuine personal interest immediately established a bond between herself and the person contacted who felt they were the most important person in the world from Louise's standpoint.

Her leadership in our organization furthered the team approach to rehabilitation. It ensured that various helping professions involved kept professional standards and the human touch in perspective.

During her busy professional career, Louise Cowan also found time to assume an extremely heavy assignment in staffing the Evaluative Study into the Unmet Needs of Blind Canadians which was launched by CNIB during the mid-70's. She has been involved with the Canadian Association of Social Workers

the Soroptimists International and the American Association of Workers for the Blind--including a stint as Chairperson of Interest Group 3.

On behalf of the Awards Committee, the Board and members of the Association, let me add the name of Louise Cowan to the illustrious list of recipients of the Alfred Allen Award and let me call on Louise to step forward to receive this presentation which we, her friends at the American Association of Workers for the Blind, make in recognition of an outstanding career.

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH FOR THE ALFRED ALLEN AWARD

Louise Cowan

Madam Nowill, Mr. Storey, conference delegates and friends: This is a wonderful occasion for me! The conference program planners could hardly have known that Dorina de Gouvea Nowill and I met some thirty-five years ago on the State campus in Ypsilanti, Michigan, where both of us were enrolled in an AFB-sponsored program for rehabilitation workers with the blind. I have followed Madam Nowill's career with great interest but from great distance! That Madam Nowill is in charge of this particular session adds further to the honor that Mr. Storey has so delightfully conveyed to me.

Madam Nowill may recall that in our Ypsilanti summer Mrs. Alfred Allen was the instructor for our Braille short course. It was also at Ypsilanti in a course entitled "The History and Philosophy of Work for the Blind" that I learned that AAWB had been the vehicle through which Colonel Baker of the CNIB and Alfred Allen of the AAWB had established graduate-level academic standards for home teachers (home teachers now known as rehabilitation teachers).

In 1949, several years after the Ypsilanti experience, I attended for the first time an AAWB conference. I remember that it took place

at the Statler Hotel in Boston. At that conference the stocky figure and British-accented voice of Alfred Allen was omnipresent--making announcements, giving direction. Alfred Allen knew by name everyone registered at that conference! He was very busy. Yet whenever he met a blind delegate, he took time to stop for a greeting.

At that conference in Boston, and at all Conferences I attended during his tenure, Alfred Allen gave solid, helpful support to Group C (the forerunner of Interest Group XI), the home teachers group, the group of which I was a member.

Looking back and reflecting upon those early experiences of training and exposure to work for the blind, I now realize that I owe my career, in large measure, to four people who, in the late forties, gave me information, inspiration and opportunities. They were: Col. E. A. Baker and Fr. S.A. Saunders of the CNIB, Evelyn C. McKay (then of AFB), and Alfred Allen of AAWB.

If today I have any message for this assembly, it is a word of gratitude to those who believe it is possible and right to work with children and adults who

have impairments in addition to blindness. I also take note of how you are striving to make these children and adults happy and welcome in their communities. But also, I make an appeal to you--that you not overlook the help that is still needed by those whose only impairment is blindness. Particularly, I ask you to remember that defective sight accentuates the physical frailty, the loneliness and the fears that are part of most of us as we grow old. Were Alfred Allen here today he would be telling us, most emphatically, that the onset of blindness is always distressing, often devastating, whenever and by whomever it is experienced. Such anxiety will always require concern and help.

Robert Storey has been a colleague and friend for a long time. Bob, thank you for what you have said in making this presentation to me on behalf of AAWB.

To those loyal people who have given me a place in the list of recipients of the Alfred Allen Award, thank you.

To everyone here, to the chairman, to our president: may the insights and the determination exemplified by Alfred Allen pervade and contribute to this 1981 AAWB Conference.

Thank you all.

PRESENTATION OF JOHN H. MCAULAY AWARD

To

Hugh C. Russel

By

W. E. MILTON

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is a real pleasure and privilege for me to have been asked to present this award this morning. I have known Hugh Russel for most of the twenty-five years he has been on the staff of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind and we have been closely associated as friends and colleagues. He is well known to many in this Association through his chairmanship and participation in Interest Group 2 and through his other involvements with AAWB over the years.

Hugh Russel was born in Saskatchewan in western Canada and was educated here in Toronto as a visually impaired person. He later lost all of his remaining vision and, therefore, has had first-hand experience of the problems faced by both partially sighted and totally blind people.

Before joining the staff of the Canadian National

Institute for the Blind as a Special Placements Officer in 1956, Hugh Russel worked in industry, in retail sales and as a real estate agent, thus bringing to this Agency a useful range of practical experience as a visually impaired person. During nine years as a Placement Officer, he travelled widely in Ontario and accumulated extensive experience in working with blind people and business and industry of all kinds.

In 1965 Hugh Russel was appointed Supervisor of Employment Services for the Ontario Division of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind with the added part-time responsibility as National Director of this program. In this dual role, he supervised a team of placement officers functioning in the province of Ontario and also provided planning, co-ordinating and consulting services to the other divisions of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind from coast to coast, as well as to government and private sector organizations.

In 1977 he moved on to the National scene on a full-time basis and continues in his role as a Consultant on Employment Services and Rehabilitation within the Research and Program Development Department at CNIB National Headquarters. This Department provides a full range of consulting services on rehabilitation on an integrated team basis.

Among other things, Hugh Russel was an original member of the executive committee of the Canadian Council of Rehabilitation Workshop and is currently CNIB representative to that body. He is a member of the Canadian Association of Rehabilitation Personnel and a past member of the Toronto Central Lions Club.

In their private lives, Hugh and his wife, Jean, are lovers of the outdoors, of swimming, boating, horseback riding, snowmobiling, tramping in the woods. Hugh has a passion for cars and

for motors of all kinds, even to the point of taking pleasure in something going wrong so that he can apply his considerable skills as a motor mechanic.

But, at work, Hugh Russel has been a tenacious advocate of equal opportunities in employment and working conditions for blind people, a seeker after new lines of endeavor, a promoter of improved vocational rehabilitation and employment services, of employer education and of training for placement specialists.

John McAulay would have been favorably impressed by this record and I am honored, Hugh, on behalf of your fellow members in AAWB to present this award to you in acknowledgement and appreciation of the contribution you have made in your field.

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH FOR THE JOHN MCAULAY AWARD

Hugh C. Russel

Mr. President, honored guests, any my fellow members of the American Association of Workers for the Blind, I want to express my sincere appreciation to you for selecting me as the recipient of the 1981 John H. McAulay Award.

In accepting this award, while honored, I feel it important to point out that any recognition for accomplishments must be shared with the many CNIB employment officers and, indeed, the many employers, with whom I have had the good fortune to work during my years with The Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

When I began work with the CNIB twenty-five years ago, we faced obstacles such as increasing automation eliminating jobs for blind persons. This was overcome by finding new fields of employment. I cannot speak highly enough of my co-workers who met these challenges with talent, imagination, initiative, and dedication, until today we find visually impaired persons engaged in the most exacting of sophisticated occupations. And our once apparent adversary--advancing technology--has assisted and is assisting greatly in opening these fields.

emphasis on counselling blind persons in job search techniques so that they may locate their own employment, thus encouraging individual independence. We recognize, however, that many, perhaps the majority, of our clients still require direct employment assistance. The next few years, I believe, will be some of the most interesting in placement work. A major challenge to all of us will be to assist the multi-handicapped, such as the deaf-blind, to resolve their employment problems.

In closing, may I again express my appreciation for the honor extended to me today. And may I accept this award also on behalf of my wife, Jean, whose constant energy, warm understanding, and unflagging support has enabled my work in employment placement to extend to ever brighter and farther horizons. I thank you.

At the present time in Canada we are placing

PRESENTATION OF THE PAST PRESIDENTS AWARD TO THE OHIO CHAPTER

By

Jerry Dunlap

In 1973, the past Presidents of the American Association of Workers for the Blind established an award recognizing the outstanding achievement of individual chapters of the organization. Recipients of this award are selected for membership growth and retention, significant contributions to professional development within the chapter through newsletters, seminars and legislative activities.

Today's recipient is a chapter that has consistently maintained more than 200 active members. A chapter that has demonstrated involvement within state, regional and national affairs. Representatives of this chapter have provided AAWB with

national leadership on the Board of Directors and in officer positions. The chapter has demonstrated an on-going concern for improved certification and other programs that enhance professional delivery of services to blind persons.

The Awards Committee is to be commended upon their selection of the 1981 recipient. To receive this award for their chapter are national board members from Ohio, Diane Tobias and Richard Schuricht. On behalf of the past Presidents of AAWB, it is with distinct pleasure that I present this outstanding chapter award to the Ohio Association of Workers for the Blind.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE PAST PRESIDENTS AWARD

Diane Tobias, President, Ohio Chapter
Richard Schuricht, Past-President, Ohio Chapter

President Dunlap, Fellow AAWB Members, and Colleagues of the Canadian National Institute For the Blind. It is with great pleasure and pride that Diane and I accept the Past Presidents Award for the members of the Ohio Chapter. We are especially proud because the time since the presentation of the last award in Oklahoma City has been an extremely active and trying time for AAWB. Much hard work has been done by many members during this two year period which had culminated in really substantial changes in the fiber of our organization. These changes include:

- The reality of the AAWB-AEVH Alliance.
- An agreement of coordination and cooperation between AAWB and NCSAB.
- The acceptance of a new Constitution and governing Bylaws which will permit AAWB to better meet the uncertainties and challenges of the 1980's and beyond.
- And finally the immediate and dynamic approach to the first of the 80's challenges ... the budget reductions and the threat to the delivery of human services in the

United States. AAWB along with its partners clearly led the way in meeting this challenge head-on at a time when other much larger professional and consumer groups were still wondering what was happening.

Many of the nearly 200 members of the Ohio chapter were involved in all of these activities. The membership has supported their representative to the national board by providing the means for attendance at all scheduled Board and special Executive Committee meetings. Along with continuous input from our members, this support permitted our active participation in the work of the national organization.

In addition to the elected representatives many other Ohio members have also participated actively on committees and with the divisions of the organization. Just one sample is Dr. Gerald Mundy who was honored earlier this week with a special NAC award.

Within Ohio the membership is just as ambitious and active. Our annual meetings have traditionally been attended by more than 60% of our membership.

Our OAWB newsletters are frequent and pertinent to the times. During the last two years when the need for information was exceptionally important this newsletter usually numbers more than 12 pages in length.

In order to support the expenses of such activity the agencies serving the blind of Ohio have generously rallied to the chapter and offered their support in our efforts. We also took a lead from the Georgia Chapter and conducted a raffle to raise some additional funds. We obtained and raffled off 2 tickets to the major league All Star game which was almost held in Cleveland last week.

In conclusion, I would like to thank AAWB for presenting the Ohio Chapter with this honor, and for giving us the opportunity to support such a fine international organization.

PRESENTATION OF THE C. WARREN BLEDSOE AWARD

To

Dr. Richard L. Welsh and Dr. Bruce B. Blasch

by

Dr. George Mallinson

Upon the recommendation of the Publications Board, the Board of Directors, of the American Association of Workers for the Blind at its meeting in Oklahoma City, May 6-8, 1981 authorized that two C. Warren Bledsoe Awards be announced on Wednesday, July 22, 1981, at the International Conference of the American Association of Workers for the Blind in Toronto, Canada.

The Award is given to an outstanding author or authors in the field of the blind. It is appropriate that AAWB which has published the BLINDNESS Annual since 1964 with the purpose of stimulating original thinking in the field should establish this award to recognize those who display such thinking.

The following criteria have been established for the C. Warren Bledsoe Award. A publication deemed worthy of consideration may meet one or more of these criteria:

1. It presents new facts and/or concepts about blindness.

2. It presents a new perspective on a fundamental problem or problems in blindness.
3. It stresses clearly some particular needs in the field and elicits response in the concrete form of contributions and/or legislative activity.
4. It successfully popularizes the life and times of blind people within the world of the non-blind.

The following policies guide the Publications Board in making its recommendation(s):

1. The award may be in one of two forms:
 - A. To a publication from a single author or editor meeting one or more of the above criteria.
 - B. To a publication from a group of authors who have

collaborated with-
in a single
article or work.

2. The award is restricted to significant publications that have appeared in the last five years.
3. Recommendations for the award will be made by the Publications Board (PB) to the Board of Directors, AAWB. The award will be presented by a designate of the PB at the International Conference.
4. Apart from special group awards, no more than four persons may receive awards at one conference. Their contributions may be in any literary form. The award need not be given if the PB does not deem any publication sufficiently significant to recommend to the Board of Directors.
5. All members of the AAWB are eligible to recommend the names of nominees to the Publications Board with appropriate support for the recommendation.

for the Blind, and to Dr. Bruce B. Blasch, Project Associate - Behavioral Disabilities, University of Wisconsin - Madison for the publication they co-edited and partly co-authored entitled Foundations of Orientation and Mobility.

This is undoubtedly the most comprehensive in-depth treatment of all aspects of orientation and mobility for the blind organized in a single volume. This will be the "Bible" for the young and emerging profession that has finally established itself in an often suspicious environment. The editors did a magnificent task in assembling, writing, and editing the various aspects of orientation and mobility for the blind. My congratulations to both of you.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that the Publications Board and the Board of Directors concur that the Award for 1981 should be given to Dr. Richard L. Welsh, Superintendent, Maryland School

ACCEPTANCE OF THE C. WARREN BLEDSOE AWARD

Richard L. Welsh, Ph.D.

and

Bruce B. Blasch, Ph.D.

We are very proud to receive this award from the American Association of Workers for the Blind. We are pleased that the Board of Directors, on the recommendation of the Publication Board, has placed our book in the company of former recipients of this award such as Frances Koestler's work, The Unseen Minority, Dr. Lowenfeld's book, Changing Status of the Blind, and Dr. Richard Kinney's book, Independent Living Without Sight and Hearing.

We are also pleased that this book which pulls together the knowledge base for the profession of orientation and mobility is acknowledged by an award named for C. Warren Bledsoe. Mr. Bledsoe was one of the most important individuals responsible for bridging the gap between the successful army rehabilitation programs for blinded soldiers and the eventual professional training programs which have guaranteed that these techniques would continue to be refined and available for future generations of blind people.

We share this award with the 22 authors of chapters and subchapters which comprise Foundations of

Orientation and Mobility.

We appreciate very much the willingness of these authors to blend their ideas into the overall concept of the book. One of the most stimulating aspects of this project was the give and take with these authors as we hammered out what should be included and how best to present it. Our own thinking was sharpened by this interaction with the authors and we want to acknowledge what we gained from them and what we owe them.

We are very grateful to the American Foundation for the Blind for their support of this project and for the publication of this text. Gene Apple recognized the need for, and value of, such a text and committed the Foundation to the project. We are grateful to him and to Bill Gallagher for staying with us and for making this material available to the field.

The most significant support that we received from AFB was the help and direction received from Mary Ellen Mulholland. Mary Ellen was the person behind the scenes who was most responsible for the successful conclusion of this project. As a staff member of AFB for the past

11 years, she had made many contributions to the improvement of the professional literature of the field of work for visually impaired persons. Those of us who have worked with her directly, appreciate the importance of her contributions. We feel that she shares fully with us in this honor, and, if she would please stand, we would like to ask all of you to join us in recognizing her contributions.

During the five years we worked on this project, we were constantly supported and encouraged by our wives. They, along with our children, were very understanding of our need to spend so much time on this project.

We do sincerely appreciate the recognition contained in this award. We add it to some of the intrinsic rewards that we have experienced which include the satisfaction of seeing so much of our knowledge base brought together in one

document with the promise that this holds for more thorough and consistent training across the various university programs for mobility specialists. We have received a great deal of personal satisfaction as we have heard of training programs in mobility and other areas as well as individual professionals using Foundations of Orientation and Mobility both in the United States and in other countries.

In the last analysis, our greatest reward will be to see this textbook used as a springboard for the further development and refinement of the knowledge base of the mobility profession, so that services to visually impaired persons can continue to improve.

Once again, thank you very much.

PRESENTATION OF THE LAWRENCE E. BLAHA MEMORIAL AWARD

To

John R. Eichorn, Ed.D.

By

Robert J. Mills

Mr. Chairperson, Officers and members of Interest Group #9 or Division of Orientation and Mobility of the American Association of Workers for the Blind, invited guests, relatives and friends of the recipient.

Every two years at the AAWB Biennial conference, it is the privilege of the Immediate Past-Chairperson of the Division of Orientation and Mobility to present the Lawrence E. Blaha Memorial Award. The committee which selects the recipient is composed of the three most immediate past chairpersons of Interest Group #9 (OMD). I want to thank Frank Ryan and Bill Wiener for their able assistance in reviewing the many nominations and for their assistance in selecting this year's recipient.

On March 27, 1968 Larry Blaha passed away, a victim of a heart attack. The AAWB Interest Group #9 established the Lawrence E. Blaha Memorial Award, here in this hotel on July 10, 1968. Since then it has been awarded at every National Conference.

Larry Blaha, began his career in work for the blind in 1948 at Hines VA Hospital

in Illinois. In 1961 he joined the faculty of Western Michigan University, and from 1964 until his untimely death he was the Director of Orientation and Mobility training program at California State College at Los Angeles.

Mr. Blaha was a pioneer in the field of O & M. His high standards and philosophy for developing quality service continues through the influence of his many colleagues and students. Mr. Blaha was an educator and the Interest Group or Division hoped then and continues to hope today that Mr. Blaha's ideas will be remembered and promulgated through this award.

The individual selected by the Committee is an educator, a special educator. He received his B.S. in Special Education in 1939 from Salem State College. From 1939 to 1942 he was a special class teacher in the Salem, Massachusetts Schools. He received his Master of Science in Special Education from Boston University in 1942; from 1942 to 1946 he held various positions in the United States Army Air Force including Clinical Psychologist assigned to the Adjutant General's

office. In 1946 he resumed his special teaching with Salem City Schools. The next fall he moved to Watertown, Massachusetts where he continued teaching special children, as well as being assistant principal at the West Junior High School until 1951, when he became a Teaching Fellow at Boston University. He received his Doctorate in Counseling Psychology and Exceptional Children in 1952 from Boston University. 1952 to 1955 he was the Director of Special Education at Fitchburg State College. In 1955 he left the splendor of New England and the Bay State, for the marble edifices of the University of Indiana in Bloomington, Indiana. Here he was the Hurrien Hoosiers' Director of Special Education until 1962.

It was at this point that he returned to Boston, the Athens of America, and took up the reins of the Peripatology Program in the graduate school of Arts and Sciences at Boston College. In 1964 he became the Director of the Division of Special Education and Rehabilitation. It was June of 1964, during those long always to be remembered fourteen months, that I came to know Papa John as mentor, friend and counselor. Dr. Eichorn, has authored books and articles, he has served on numerous committees for COMSTAC, NAC, AFB and AAWB including the current Publication Board.

For more than forty years

John Eichorn has been committed and concerned with providing quality services to and for handicapped individuals. The last nineteen of these years he has been intimately involved with issues and personnel preparation as related to services for blind and visually impaired persons. To the best of my knowledge John Eichorn has always supported and strived for the highest standards for direct services to the blind, the service delivery system and the preparation of professional personnel to work and deliver services to the visually impaired.

John Eichorn supported the "rights" of a handicapped person before it became mandated by legislation.

Dr. Eichorn has made two critical and important contributions to the process of improving and developing services. His many years of experience have helped him develop an eclectic perspective on the growth of services rendered to blind persons. On many occasions he proved to be the catalyst in decisions about services, programming, professional preparation, certification, accreditation etc. The broad view and the catalytic force are the elements which stimulate any endeavor. I for one am thankful that John Eichorn, is now and has since 1939 been an educator, a special educator. The Boston College graduates of today are a consistently better product than were

their predecessors thanks to
the drive and vision of
John Eichorn.

Fate has dealt me the
privilege and I consider it
a pleasure to present the
Lawrence E. Blaha Memorial
Award to Dr. John Eichorn.
Along with this plaque goes
the honor of safeguarding
the gold handled cane of
Sir Francis Campbell until
the next recipient is chosen.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE LAWRENCE E. BLAHA MEMORIAL AWARD

John R. Eichorn, Ed.D.

Rob, thank you for those very kind words.

To those who felt that I deserved the honor of this award I want to express my sincerest appreciation.

For nineteen years, the terms "Orientation and Mobility" have had a very important meaning to me. In 1962 I accepted the position as Director of the Peripatology Program at Boston College. Having been Director of Special Education at Indiana University and elsewhere, I had some concern for the education of blind and visually handicapped children and for some college aged young adults, but I had no real appreciation of the value and need of independent travel skills for those people. During my first year at Boston College, I was to learn the importance of those skills to people with severe visual handicaps. This I learned from some very wonderful and dedicated people - Father Carroll, Russ Williams, Fred Silver, Don Blasch, Dick Hoover, Warren Bledsoe, Mary Switzer, Lou Rives, Bob Smith, Bill Walkowiak, Bill Gallagher, Stan Suterko, John Malamazian, Gene Apple, Bob Whitstock, Doug MacFarland, and yes, of course Larry Blaha.

In the spring of my first year at Boston College, I was asked to speak at the A.A.W.B. meeting in Seattle. The title given to me for my

talk was "To Be Mobile Is To Be Free". In preparing my talk, I learned more about those with severe visual handicaps and about their problems in learning to be independently mobile. Over the years I was to discover the complexities of learning and of helping people to learn how to make use of environmental cues, remaining senses, and perceptual data - and how to put it together when using a travel tool.

Also over the years I have been able to observe students acquiring the knowledge and skills which would help them to assist blind and visually handicapped people to reach the goal of independent travel. I have watched those who prepare these fledgling professionals for this important career - teaching orientation and mobility. From visually impaired people I have learned how important such services are to them - important in their everyday lives at home, at work, or at play. I have watched this new profession grow and have witnessed the increased body of knowledge developed by practitioners and their former instructors. Yes, I have seen a discipline blossom from infancy to a fully developed profession. And I have been proud to have played even a small part in this process.

But all this growth had to have a beginning and those I mentioned earlier played a most important role in the beginning and the years which followed. One of those people was Larry Blaha. He stood out as a dedicated and sincere advocate, teacher, and leader. He was a gentleman and a concerned educator who knew the value and importance of this work and the dedication which each and every person in the field must have. So I am honored to be the recipient of an award given in the name of Larry Blaha.

I would be remiss if I failed to thank those who recommended and selected me for this award. And also my former students and colleagues who taught me so much about Orientation and Mobility - and especially my present colleagues - Hugo Vigoroso, Bob Smith, Michael Herron, George Zimmerman and Gary Snyder. People who have helped me so much through good times and difficult times like the present. And, of course, my wife who has put up with me these many years and given me such strong support.

Again, I would like to express to all of you my appreciation for this wonderful award.

Thank you!

DOUGLAS C. MACFARLAND AWARD

The Douglas C. MacFarland Award is given in conjunction with the Douglas C. MacFarland Fund Committee which is dedicated to promoting high professional standards among workers for the blind. In July, 1981 the award was given to Mrs. Mary K. Bauman.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE DOUGLAS C. MACFARLAND AWARD

For Mary K. Bauman

by

George G. Mallinson

President Dunlap, John Maxson, fellow members of the American Association of Workers for the Blind, Colleagues of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, and most important, Mrs. Mary K. Bauman. I feel highly complimented in being asked to serve as surrogate for Mrs. Mary K. Bauman, President of the American Association of Workers for the Blind from 1977-1979, in accepting the Douglas C. MacFarland Award for 1981. Mrs. Bauman is the second recipient of this Award. It would, however, be presumptuous of me to envision myself as a distinguished surrogate since my talents and services to the blind

and visually impaired are dwarfed by her contributions and dedication.

I shall not attempt to review her contributions since they have already been eloquently portrayed by Lou Rives. What I might add would not be stated so well and it certainly would be redundant. Suffice to say, I'm positive Mary is most complimented to be honored with this Award since her efforts to promote high professional standards among those providing services for the blind are beyond praise. In that spirit, I'm sure she is humbly grateful.

As a final word, I am reminded of what is written in Matthew 25, the 21st verse:

"His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord."

But as her surrogate I
must suggest a modification,
namely:

"His lord said unto him, Well done,
thou good and faithful servant:
thou hast been faithful over many
things, I will make thee ruler over
many more; enter thou into the joy
of thy lord."

I'm sure that this de-
scribes Mary. Thank you.

PRESENTATION OF THE BRUCE MCKENZIE AWARD

To

Velma Becker

By

Alvin Roberts

As Chairman of Group 11 in Richmond, Virginia, 1971, I initiated two projects which had potential long term significance for the field of Rehabilitation Teaching. The first project was a study to determine appropriate case-load size for rehabilitation teachers; the second the establishment of the BRUCE MCKENZIE Award for outstanding contributions to the field of Rehabilitation Teaching. I am sorry to say that as of this date we still do not have adequate case-load size standards for Rehabilitation Teachers, but the McKenzie Award Program has been very successful. Outstanding recipients have been Mrs. Sammie Rankin, Texas (1973); Ed Bird, New York (1973); Florence Horton, Illinois (1975); Billie Elder, Arkansas (1977); and Norman Dalke, Oklahoma (1979).

A word about the accomplishments of Bruce McKenzie, for whom this award was named is in order. Mr. McKenzie was born in Eastern Kentucky in 1913 and died in November, 1969, while attending a Mid-American Conference of Rehabilitation Teachers Planning Committee meeting in East Saint Louis,

Illinois. His career as a rehabilitation teacher began in Illinois in 1952. He was a Rehabilitation Teacher Supervisor from 1958 until his death in 1969. Bruce served as Chairman of the Mid-America Conference of Rehabilitation Teachers and Group 3 of the AAWB. He established the Home Teaching Liaison Committee which included members from the four Rehabilitation Teaching Conferences. The Liaison Committee coordinated efforts of Group 3 of AAWB and the various Rehabilitation Teachers Conferences. He assumed leadership in writing an excellent early manual on travel and orientation completed in 1959 and was actively involved in establishing the NAC standards for Rehabilitation Teaching.

This year we have selected another outstanding candidate to receive the McKenzie Award. This person is a graduate of Southern Illinois University. She was employed as a Rehabilitation Teacher by the State of Illinois on May 1, 1950 and served in this capacity until becoming Down-State Rehabilitation Teacher Supervisor on March 1, 1970.

In July of 1980, she assumed her present duties as a Supervisor of the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services for the Blind in Illinois. Our recipient has been active professionally throughout her career, taking leadership roles in the writing of the Homemaking Manual and Hand Writing Manual published by Western Michigan University. She also worked with BRUCE MCKENZIE on the writing of the travel and Orientation Manual and served as Chairman of the AAWB Rehabilitation Teachers Certification Committee from 1977 to 1979. She also served on the Committee which wrote the 1960 Braille Series, a text used throughout the English speaking world.

It is now very evident to everyone in this room that VELMA BECKER is eminently qualified to join the outstanding group of professionals who have received the BRUCE MCKENZIE AWARD.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE BRUCE MCKENZIE AWARD

Velma R. Becker

I have asked Judy Matsuoka to accept this award for me.

Thank you, Alvin. And greetings to all of you!

I would like to share with you a favorite quote which I have found helpful in my rehabilitation teaching practice. It is from Goethe - "If you treat an individual as he is, he will stay as he is. But if you treat him as if he were

what he ought to be and could be, he will become what he ought to be and could be."

I am deeply moved to have been chosen by fellow Rehabilitation Teachers of Interest Group Eleven for this special recognition. Thank you all of it. I plan to continue my contributions to our profession.

PRESENTATION OF THE SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL AWARD

To

Myrtle Garris

By

Jerry Dunlap

The American Association of Workers for the Blind recognizes a number of outstanding individuals each biennial conference with various citations and awards. However, this year it is my privilege to present a new and unique award to a most deserving individual.

This special award has been created to recognize outstanding contributions to the association by an individual member. The recipient of the 1981 special award is extremely well qualified to receive this long overdue recognition.

Myrtle Garris has been a member of AAWB since 1952 and has attended every international AAWB conference, regional and state chapter

meeting since that date. Myrtle has served this association as international membership chairperson, 1977-79. Also she served the North Carolina chapter as its president and faithfully worked on behalf of AAWB in a variety of capacities. For many years, she provided the braille services for News and Views and other required braille materials at her own time and expense.

Myrtle, on behalf of the membership of the American Association of Workers for the Blind, it is my distinct privilege to present you this token of our esteem and appreciation for your devoted services to AAWB.

ACCEPTANCE OF SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL AWARD

Myrtle Garris

I am deeply grateful and humbled to be the recipient of this most worthy award. I wish to thank Mr. Dunlap, our President, the Awards Committee and any others who were responsible for making this possible.

I owe thanks to H. A. (Pete) Wood and Joe Strickland from North Carolina for introducing me to AAWB. Up to this time I have had an unbroken attendance record from 1950-1981. From the very first meeting in Daytona Beach in 1950, I have loved the organization and longed to see it grow from the 400 members in those days to a larger and more viable organization.

I purchased a life membership the very first year I heard of it and made four \$25.00 payments on it. I was asked to serve on the program committee for many years and also have been on the national board, the Southeastern Regional, have been chairman of D.C.-Maryland-West Virginia and then North Carolina Chapter. I have served from 1973 until now on the national membership committee--two years of which I was chairman of the committee. During those years AAWB grew in membership. 1976 was the peak year with 3,566 individual members. As you can see,

much progress has been made.

Since we have so many professional persons in work for the blind now, we should have at least five thousand members. AAWB is the only professional organization geared to work for the blind in America with the sister organization of AEVH serving educational needs.

Now that the two organizations have merged from the standpoint of better programming, I challenge both directors to make it their first priority to launch a membership drive that will bring in more people who need such services through cooperative contributions. AAWB-AEVH goals should be very high and through educational and professional skills much can be accomplished.

It is my wish that AAWB will continue to grow and answer the needs of thousands of persons without sight through our already splendid services and through new outreach programs to be developed in the near future.

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